

'No flag a criteria of consideration'

Iran warning of attacks on British ships

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British sources indicated that Whitehall would not accept Tehran's response to the UN Security Council resolution calling for a ceasefire

Mr Caspar Weinberger, US Secretary of State, said threats by Iran would not force President Reagan to disband the Gulf naval force

From Robert Fisk, Dubai

Iran warned Britain and France yesterday that their ships might now be attacked in the Gulf following the decision of the two Governments to send minesweepers to the region.

With an invective usually reserved for the Americans, Tehran radio said that "if England and France want to stand back-to-back with American forces to implement the aggressive policies of the Reagan Administration, we are ready to repeat the events of Lebanon which resulted in their flight (from there) ... no country's flag will

be taken as a criteria of consideration".

Britain's small contingent to the multi-national force in Lebanon over three years ago was the first to abandon Beirut in 1984, four months after Iranian suicide bombers had destroyed the US Marine and French military headquarters in the city. The Iranians had hitherto re-

strained themselves from attacking Britain for its former political role in Lebanon, but Mrs Thatcher's decision on Tuesday to send minesweepers to the Gulf appears to have been too much for the Iranians.

The broadcast should probably be seen as propaganda rather than a statement of political or military intent, but it does clearly add Britain's name to the list of "satellite" enemies with which Iran sees itself in conflict in the Gulf. It came only a few hours after the Iranian Prime Minister had himself warned that Britain and France had raised tensions by deciding to increase their presence in the region.

"The Gulf used to be secure and safe," Mr Hussein Mousavi said after the weekly Iranian Cabinet meeting in Tehran. "But America brought tensions along with it to the region and now it has obtained the support of Britain and France in this connection."

Tehran radio had made a direct link between the minesweepers decision and what it called "Iraqi trouble-making", an apparent reference to the resumption of Iraqi air attacks on Iranian oil installations three days ago. "Iran is determined to respond decisively to this mischief if the trouble-making of the Iraqi regime continues," the broadcast said.

The radio did not specify whether its warning about British ships applies to merchant vessels or warships or both. Nor did it point out that British minesweepers are only to be used at the southern end of the Gulf where warships of the Royal Navy's Armilla patrol regularly escort UK-flagged oil tankers. At least one British frigate is believed to be inside the Gulf at the moment.

An American warship could be seen entering the Gulf of Oman from the Strait yesterday afternoon, escorting a small oil tanker - probably en route from Bahrain.

Certainly, no US or British naval vessels are likely in the foreseeable future to use the anchorage at Fujairah where yet another mine, this time tethered to the seabed and suspended a few feet below the surface of the water by wire, was discovered yesterday. It was the second in two days to be found by a helicopter-borne American television crew and the fifth to be recorded in the area within three days.

Scarcely 20 tankers are now moored off Fujairah where the authorities have warned ship's masters to maintain their station at least five miles from the area in which the mines have been located.

It was with some amusement that the authorities in Continued on page 18, col 3

Mellor attacks Tehran regime

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister yesterday defended the Government's decision to send minesweepers to the Gulf as a Foreign Office minister delivered a stern warning to Iran that it would not get its way in the area.

Mr David Mellor, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, heightened the Government's response to the crisis when he spoke of the "very irrational regime" in Tehran, the day after the Government changed its mind about the mine-sweepers.

Meanwhile Mrs Thatcher, beginning her summer holiday, suggested that the decision should not surprise anyone.

As Iran accused Britain of colluding with the United States, Mr Mellor used a series of television and radio interviews to emphasize Britain's readiness to take tough action if required and voiced the hope that other countries would join the British effort.

"As long as the Iranians think they can get away with this sort of behaviour they will carry on that way. That is the nature of the regime," he said.

"You have only got to watch one of them talking for 30 seconds on television to know the nature of the people you are dealing with."

Mr Mellor's remarks, stronger in tone than the traditionally cautious Foreign Office's usual offerings, surprised some MPs last night.

Mr Donald Anderson, Labour's foreign affairs spokesman, called them a "re-echo of Reagan's cowboyisms" and said the British response would inflame passions in the Gulf.

Mr Mellor, interviewed on the Jimmy Young programme on BBC Radio 2, said the Government hoped that other countries with minesweepers, such as the Dutch, Italians and the Belgians, would send to the Gulf, and he was optimistic that they would.

But pressed about the raising of Britain's previous low-profile approach Mr Mellor said: "We are in there and we have to be in there because we have very considerable interests to protect."

Of the Iranians he said: "This is a very irrational regime capable of doing a whole number of unattractive things."

"We cannot allow them to have their way in the Gulf because in the end our interest in getting oil, the interests of Continued on page 18, col 2



Showing the flag. But the Prime Minister did not help Mr Thatcher's stroke play

Hardly the sermon on the knoll

By Robin Young

The Prime Minister, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, and her husband, Denis, began their holiday in Cornwall yesterday by inviting the press to meet them at the Trevose Golf Club.

Mrs Thatcher's press secretary said she would climb a grassy knoll to the 18th green for photographers.

But Mrs Thatcher was forced into the rough by reporters demanding to know about the Gulf War, her opinion of Cornwall, and her view of the weather.

In the end, Mr Thatcher came to her rescue by keeping the pressmen amused: "Thank you very much gentlemen, thank you so much. You have been very kind, very nice. Beautiful day, couldn't ask for anything nicer. Absolutely lovely place. Meet wonderful people here. Been coming for years. Couldn't ask for anything better."

Radiation curb on sheep reimposed

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The Government yesterday reimposed restrictions on the movement and slaughter of sheep because of the continuing high levels of radiation from the Chernobyl fall-out.

The unexpected move is to prevent end-of-summer sheep sales and is based on measurements showing that levels of radiation in flocks reared on this year's pastures are the same as those that precipitated the ban last year.

The restrictions have been introduced in Wales and Scotland on farms previously designated as safe, and existing controls in Cumbria renewed.

There are now a total of 559,000 sheep on 564 hill farms affected, according to the Ministry of Agriculture.

In Wales, 345 farms and 260,000 sheep are involved. Restrictions have been reimposed on 10 holdings which had previously been cleared.

At the height of the radiation scare last year, more than 5,100 farms and two million sheep in Wales were subject to the emergency measures.

From midnight last night, restrictions were in force on 69 farms affecting 124,000 sheep in Scotland, according to the Scottish Office. At this time last year 2,000 farms and 1,500,000 sheep in Scotland were affected.

The new order applies to 16 farms in the Central Region, 37 farms in Strathclyde and 9 farms in Dumfries and Galloway. Last month restriction orders were imposed on seven other farms. Of the 62 new farms involved, 39 were not subject to restriction orders last year.

In England all the affected farms are in Cumbria. Restriction orders were renewed in April covering 150 farms and 173,000 sheep.

Herald captain rejected as safety officer

By Rodney Cowton
Transport Correspondent

A suggestion that the captain of the ill-fated Herald of Free Enterprise could be made a Safety Officer of Townsend Thoresen's fleet of ferries has been rejected by the company.

Captain Lewry's union made the suggestion last week claiming that his unique experience in the Zeebrugge disaster and its aftermath would benefit the company in its future safety policy.

The company says it gave the request a great deal of consideration but turned it down.

The official inquiry into the disaster found Captain Lewry to have been "seriously negligent" in going to sea with his vessel in an unsafe condition.

Today he faces a disciplinary hearing before senior executives of Townsend Thoresen at Dover, and his representatives fear it may lead to an attempt to dismiss him.

The idea of Captain Lewry becoming a safety officer was put forward last week by Mr Eric Nevin, general secretary of the National Union of Marine, Aviation and Shipping Transport Officers, to which the captain belongs.

In a telex message to Mr Peter Ford, chairman of Townsend Thoresen, he said: "I suggest that you employ Captain Dave Lewry as a marine safety officer to utilize for the company's benefit the unique personal experience he has undergone as a result of his part in the Herald accident and the subsequent court proceedings."

"He could, for instance, maintain an on-going examination of all marine procedures and practices, both formally and informally, and make reports to you, the chairman of the company. He would also be in a position to point out to younger officers, from personal experience, the effects of any laxness he might detect."

Mr Ford responded on Tuesday evening: "I have received your telex concerning Captain Lewry. As you know this matter has received a great deal of attention on our part although I am bound to say that I do not believe that the proposals you have made would be at all feasible."

"I do thank you, nevertheless, for contacting us on this point and I can confirm that your proposal was fully discussed."

Mr Nevin said yesterday he was disappointed by Mr Ford's response.

Optimism boosts sterling

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

Confidence in the pound strengthened yesterday as financial markets maintained a cautious optimism, allowing sterling to rise against a weaker dollar.

After Tuesday's better-than-expected trade figures, investors began backing the pound again, and the currency rose nearly a cent, closing at \$1.58 against the dollar.

Dealers said the market was taking a more optimistic view of the industrial production and unemployment figures due to be announced today, and inflation figures due out tomorrow.

Sterling rallied against most leading currencies, with the trade-weighted index closing up 0.3 at 72.5.

The stock market built on Tuesday's gains, the broadly based FT-SE index closing 10.7 points higher at 2,286.1.

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Chief of police at inquiry

The Chief Constable of Cleveland will today tell a judicial inquiry about friction between police and paediatricians in the child sexual abuse controversy.

The inquiry was told yesterday by Mr Matthew Thorpe, QC, on behalf of the Treasury Solicitor that originally it was intended to call a less senior officer to give evidence but because of Mr Christopher Payne's personal knowledge and involvement he will present a written statement.

The Chief Constable has accused Dr Marietta Higgs and Dr Geoffrey Wyatt, paediatricians at Middlesbrough General Hospital, and senior Cleveland social workers of obstructing police investigations.

Central to the inquiry is disagreement over the medical techniques to be used in diagnosis.

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High winds hamper fight against fire on holiday isle

From Mario Modiano, Kalathos, Rhodes

Fire-fighters on Rhodes are being handicapped by strong northerly winds as they battle to prevent the main front of the blaze which is ravaging the east coast of the island from advancing towards Askifion, south-west of the resort town of Lindos.

With fire-fighting aircraft grounded at nightfall, the island's population was urged over the local radio to forget about the fire still smouldering inside the disaster area and concentrate on the peripheral blazes.

Two fires which broke out last night on the outskirts of the town of Rhodes were quickly put out by the fire brigade. As Greek Army units moved in to fight the blaze, British holidaymakers who were trapped in the danger zone had tales of horror to tell.

"Within minutes, the flames were racing down the ridge towards the village of Kalathos," said Mr Michael Hall, aged 29, from Guildford in Surrey, an accounts officer with British Telecom. "It was like a fire storm in gale-force winds. It was very, very hot, very black, and there was choking smoke and red-hot cinders. It was chaotic. Everybody fled to the beach."

A few miles west of Kalathos, which was miraculously saved when the fire consumed the pine forest surrounding it, is Lardos, another favourite village of British tourists. Here, in an ochre-coloured shack surrounded by uniformed military, Mr Constantine Tsigras, the Under-Secretary for Agriculture, is conducting the battle against what has become the worst fire ever to hit Rhodes.

"The fire has already destroyed between 37,000 and 42,000 acres of forest, olive groves, orchards as well as other cultivations," he said. Before him was a detailed map of the area. The main fire front, two miles long between Lardos and Laerna, was marked with a red line.

"We have deployed 1,300 soldiers and 250 firemen and with help of 10 fire-fighting aircraft we hope to bring the blaze under control - unless the wind again changes direction," the Minister said. He has organized two other lines of defence if this attack fails.

In Lardos itself most of the signs are in English. Many of the hotels have closed after the hurried departure of their British clients on Tuesday, when the fire threatened the village and electricity supplies and water were cut off.

Mrs Despina Evangelideli, who runs an eight-room hotel, is not despairing. "We were packed," she said. Continued on page 18, col 6

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Tornado man in spy swap

From Our Correspondent Bonn

A former engineer with the firm which builds the Anglo-German Tornado fighter-bomber was freed from jail yesterday and handed over to the East German authorities as part of an East-West spy swap.

Manfred Rotsch was sentenced to eight and a half years' imprisonment in 1986 after admitting to having spied for the KGB for 30 years. At the time of his arrest in 1984 he was a department head in charge of planning at the aircraft firm Messerschmitt-Bölkow-Blohm (MBB).

Rotsch and one other spy, who was not named, were swapped for three people convicted of spying in the Soviet bloc. The only one of the three to be identified in Bonn is Dr Christa-Karin Schumann, an East Berlin doctor who was sentenced in 1979 to 15 years' solitary confinement.

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Staff power

Consultation with the workforce by managers is recommended as a recipe for success in the introduction to today's General Appointments section. Pages 25-29

Exam results

Degrees awarded by the University of Manchester are published today. Page 33

Portfolio Gold

There were three winners in the Portfolio Gold competition yesterday. They share £8,000, double the daily amount because there was no winner on Tuesday. Details, page 3. Portfolio list, page 23.

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Agony of children trapped by dispute over sexual abuse

By Ian Smith

Children have been subjected to as many as five painful medical examinations by different doctors because of parents' determination to disprove sexual abuse diagnoses, the judicial inquiry in Middlesbrough was told yesterday.

The children suffered the most extreme physical distress, Mr Michael Bishop, director of social services for Cleveland, said.

He was giving evidence on the second day of the inquiry ordered by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Services in the aftermath of the Cleveland child abuse controversy.

Mr Bishop told of efforts by a social services management team to end the crisis which arose after diagnoses secured from two in 1986 to 90 between March and July this year.

He regretted that the social services department could not prevent children being subjected to repeated medical tests and unnecessary interrogation.

Mr Bishop said: "I am very concerned that the gathering of evidence of abuse has indeed become the source of additional abuse to some children. This is contrary to Department of Health and Social Security guidelines and is an issue which I hope the inquiry will consider in detail later."

Earlier the social services director responsible for 4,677 staff told how Cleveland became one of the first authorities to appoint a child abuse consultant, though the North-

east area was arguably one of the most deprived in Britain with the highest unemployment rate.

The county's child abuse strategy was widely regarded as forward looking and staff were invited to promote it by outside bodies, including the DHSS. Other local authorities asked to study the policy documents.

Mr Bishop described three principles of the strategy.

● Wherever possible social workers should maintain normal family life, and if separation was necessary the child should be returned to the family as quickly as possible.

● If that was impossible a substitute family should be found.

● First consideration must be the long-term welfare of the child even though this might conflict with the needs of parents.

Cleveland first concentrated on the growing problems of child abuse in 1985 after national guidelines were issued by the DHSS after the Jasmine Beckford inquiry.

Jasmine, aged four, from north London, was battered to death by her stepfather while in the care of Brent social services.

Six months ago, Cleveland set up four child abuse units.

That came after two key decisions - to give child abuse cases priority over all other client groups and to carry out independent random spot checks on child abuse case files, so that any shortcomings could be identified.

Arrangements were also made to involve county councillors. The county council established a Joint Child Abuse Committee in June 1986 acting independently of Mr Bishop's department with members drawn from the police, NSPCC, education, probation, health and social services.

Mr Bishop said his department's acknowledged expertise grew and it published manuals which include guidance on how to identify the key signs of child abuse without the removal of clothing.

Regular meetings take place between officers of the DHSS Social Services Inspectorate and senior Cleveland staff.

Problems of child abuse have been discussed and no suggestion had been made that Cleveland social services had been handling the problem inappropriately.

Mr Bishop said his department first became aware that child sexual abuse was becoming a major problem four months ago, after social workers complained that they were overworked.

Mr John Hagne, regional general manager for the Northern Regional Health Authority, said complaints had been made about both Dr Marietta Higgs and Dr Geoffrey Wyatt, consultant paediatricians at Middlesbrough General Hospital whose diagnoses sparked off the controversy.

Mr Christopher Payne, Chief Constable of Cleveland, will give evidence today.

The Twelfth was too wet for glory



A good day's shooting with more than 100 brace on Mr John Tinsley's estate (Photographs: Stephen Markeson)

The "glorious twelfth" dawned wet and misty yesterday, promising a poor day for the season's first grouse shooters.

Poor weather, tick-infestation and a shortage of gamekeepers to husband the birds could make it a poor season altogether.

However, one proprietor pleased with the day's bag was Mr John Tinsley, who, together with his cousin, runs a 12,000-acre estate near Tomatin, Inverness-shire, that boasts one of the best Highland shoots. "Last year was our best season since 1938 and the prospects for this year look at least as good", Mr Tinsley said as he mustered his 10 invited guns.

By 9.30am the butts were manned and the 50 beaters put up sufficient grouse to provide the party with more than a 100 brace by lunchtime. "Even better than last year", Mr Tinsley said.

Elsewhere, reports of big

bags on Scottish moors were being treated with scepticism.

Some estates are leaving the grouse alone for the next few days or even weeks because the season has been too wet for the birds to do well.

Mr Robert Hunter, accountant for the 12,000-acre Fairburn estate, west of Muir of Ord, near Inverness, said they were short of grouse. "We may get some falconers up to catch them, which is a new and interesting approach."

Mr Norman Gray, keeper at Muckrach estate on Speyside, said the season promised to be "not that great" for a variety of reasons including the wet summer, vermin and shortage of gamekeepers.

The Achlain estate said its parties would not be shooting until Saturday, but the grouse there were at least better than last year.

Mr Ian Watson, head keeper at Glenmazeran estate, said a party yesterday bagged 22 brace.

An unwary grouse takes to the air on the glorious twelfth

Portfolio Gold

Garage to benefit from win

Three winners share the Portfolio Gold prize of £8,000, double the usual amount as there was no winner on Tuesday.

Mr Geoffrey Savage, a retired teacher, aged 58, of Nursery Avenue, Aldridge, Walsall, West Midlands, said he planned to spend his share on repairing his garage and an extended holiday to Italy.

Miss Sarah Godley, aged 26, of The Hildens, Westcott, near Dorking, Surrey, a publishers' rights assistant, said she intended to save her windfall.

Mrs Brenda Rousuuvori, of Icknield Road, Luton, Bedfordshire, said she intended to spend the money on either a trip to Australia to visit friends or on new kitchen cupboards.

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£2,000 fine for M-way driver

A salesman who drove north at high speed along 11 miles of southbound motorway was fined £2,000 and banned from driving for three years after admitting reckless driving and failing to give a blood sample.

Magistrates at Leyland, Lancashire, were told Edward Brunt aged 53, of Landsea Avenue, Bisham, Blackpool, drove the wrong way along the fast lanes of the M61 and M6 at up to 75mph until a four-vehicle collision near Preston.

Man on Tube attack charge

A man charged with assaulting Mr Eric Butler, the computer dubbed "the Swardstick Man", was bailed for trial at Wood Green Crown Court by Haringey magistrates yesterday.

Martin Day, aged 28, of Carlisle Road, Romford, Essex, is charged with causing Mr Butler actual bodily harm on the Underground on March 9.

Girl crushed by horse dies

A teenager whose horse fell on her after a heart attack died in hospital at Chertsey, Surrey, yesterday.

Jennifer Squelch, aged 18, of Clockhouse Lane West, Egham, Surrey, was riding the 26-year-old former police horse near her home on Monday evening when it collapsed, dying, trapping her head and body.

Blind climbers for expedition

Two blind men will be among eight people attempting to climb Mont Blanc later this month.

They are Mr David Hurst, aged 54, of Stockport, Manchester, and Mr Allan Matthews, aged 33, of Hebburn, Tyne and Wear.

Clergymen warned of debt risk

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent

Church of England clergy in training are being warned of the danger of the "credit card society" by the charity which often has to pay off their debts.

Mr Christopher Leach, who is registrar of the Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy, has toured theological colleges and dioceses to draw attention to the growing problem of debt-bound clergymen.

The charity spent about £135,000 of its annual budget of nearly a million pounds in 1985 rescuing clergy from debt, and about £90,000 last year.

Mr Leach said yesterday that the problem was no longer the level of pay, which in his view was now adequate, but the temptation of credit.

He estimated that only about one in 10 of those helped had been extravagant; he saw nothing wrong with a clergyman wanting video recorders or washing machines if they could afford them.

The corporation always referred an application for help with debt to the diocesan bishop for his guidance, and would expect the clergyman afterwards to see he did not slip back into debt.

Mr Leach said banks ought to recognize that they were dealing with "men of very modest means".

He conceded it was no bad thing for the local priest to be subject to the same pressures and temptations as his flock.

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Britain keeps on smiling

By Paul Eastham

Britons are a happy lot, according to a new market research survey. Nine out of 10 say they are content with their lives and "happy about things in general".

Most surveys are middle and upper-class people in the AB social groups, almost 40 per cent of whom say they are very happy, compared with an average of 30 per cent in other groups.

Gloomiest among Britain's 54 million population, says the survey, by Gordon Simmonds Research of London, are the five million aged between 45 and 54, and the working class: 15 per cent of each group say they are positively unhappy.

Unemployment is the biggest worry, with 65 per cent anxious about their jobs. Law and order and the amount of sex and violence in the media are of major concern.

More than a quarter of the discontented think that their families' health might be at risk, a fear possibly fuelled by publicity over AIDS.

The aggrieved group are more unhappy about the political situation, the environment, the housing situation, the inequality of society and law and order than they were in a similar survey three months ago.

Other reasons given for discontent are the economic and world situation, money or the lack of it and bringing up children. Recent items of news causing most misery include cruelty to children, rape, and the state of the health service.

Researchers interviewed a representative sample of 990 adults during July.

'Borrowed baby' plan is denied

By Michael Horsnell

A wine bar manager yesterday denied using a borrowed baby as a decoy in a £110,000 drugs run from Spain to Plymouth.

The prosecution at Exeter Crown Court has alleged that Mr Salvatore Di Prima, aged 30, organized the run, in which a young couple borrowed the baby to give the appearance of a normal family returning from holiday, when in fact their car had 43 kilos of cannabis in its petrol tank.

Mr Di Prima, of Woking, Surrey, who was arrested near Plymouth last August after allegedly meeting other members of the drugs ring at a skating rink, told the jury that he had never met the baby's real mother.

He had met the couple who acted as couriers - Sharon Walters, aged 21, and Robert Patrick, aged 30, both from Norwood, south London - only once, when they visited his wine bar.

Walters and Patrick have pleaded guilty to smuggling, together with two others from south London. Mr Di Prima and Mr Richard Taylor, aged 38, unemployed, from Upper Norwood, London, pleaded not guilty.

The trial continues today.

Unemployment benefits

Wives deterred from work

By Rodney Lord
Economics Editor

Wives of unemployed men are deterred from finding work because their families would end up with reduced social security payments.

A new analysis by the Institute for Fiscal Studies shows that wives of husbands out of work are less likely to take jobs of their own than the wives of husbands in work, despite the greater need where the husband is without a job.

The disincentive is particularly strong in the case of part-time work. It pays a woman whose husband is unemployed very little in terms of additional net income to work for just a few hours a week, because of the social security benefits the family loses as a result.

Working wives of unemployed husbands thus tend to work long hours, with few doing less than 30 hours a week.

The authors of the report, Mr Andrew Dilnot and Mr

WORKING WIFE'S NET INCOME

| | 10 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 50 |
|------------------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Hours worked | | | | | |
| Husband employed | (£25.00) | 46.59 | 62.09 | 76.59 | 92.59 |
| Husband on UB | 8.57 | 22.80 | 27.84 | 35.18 | 51.16 |
| Husband on SB | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 6.55 | 7.08 |

Michael Kell, take as an example a family with two children aged 11 to 15 on supplementary benefit paying £20 a week rent and £5 a week rates. If the wife goes out to work for £2.50 an hour she will only be contributing an extra £7.09 a week of net income to the household even after working for 50 hours.

The first £4 of her income is ignored but thereafter supplementary benefit is withdrawn pound for pound. After earning between £75 and £100 the family's supplementary benefit is fully replaced by the wife's income and the household moves on to family income supplement and standard housing benefit. But then tax and national insurance contributions begin to bite.

Male unemployment and women's work. (Fiscal Studies).

Aids drive by condom company

A £1 million appeal to fight AIDS was launched yesterday by Britain's largest manufacturer of condoms (Our Science Correspondent writes).

LRC Products said it would give between 10p for each safety kite mark from a packet of three Durex condoms, and 20p for each symbol from larger packets, sent in by purchasers.

The money will go to the National Aids Trust, the Haemophilia Society and to Aids research in Africa.

The initiative by LRC, formerly known as the London Rubber Company, has been launched a few weeks ahead of a scheme by Mr Richard Branson, head of the Virgin group of companies, to market cut price American condoms, the profits of which will also go to combat Aids.

LRC says more than 95 per cent of condom users wear Durex.

The Haemophilia Society welcomed the new campaign.

Lawyer's muddles claim rejected

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Crown Prosecution Service managers yesterday rejected criticism by a solicitor who plans to sue the Director of Public Prosecutions for failing to run the service properly.

Mr John Mackenzie, a west London solicitor specializing in defence work, says the standard of work and the presentation of cases by the service in west London is now so bad that it amounts to a breach of the DPP's duty under the Prosecution of Offences Act, 1985.

As a result, he says, the Crown Prosecution Service is wrongly allowing many defendants to be acquitted.

But yesterday a spokeswoman at the service's headquarters said the matters raised by Mr Mackenzie had already been dealt with a month ago in correspondence with Mr David Kyle, the branch crown prosecutor for Acton.

The service had secured an average of 92 per cent in its conviction rate for cases dealt with by Acton magistrates, which compared favourably with elsewhere.

Yesterday Mr Mackenzie said: "I have already applied for leave to bring this action and been refused so I will now seek leave in open court".

His chief complaints, which tally with those of other defence lawyers, are that the service fails to produce files for cases on time so that prosecuting counsel are inadequately briefed; forgets to warn police witnesses to attend; and loses papers.

Cases took considerably longer than they did and involved more court appearances.

Legal proceedings against the Attorney General have been considered by the First Division Association, which represents lawyers in the service, over the conditions on which some lawyers were transferred into the service.

But yesterday Ms Robyn Dasey, the association's national officer, said that they would not now proceed with judicial review proceedings because the management had come up with enough extra money to iron out nearly all the outstanding pay anomalies.

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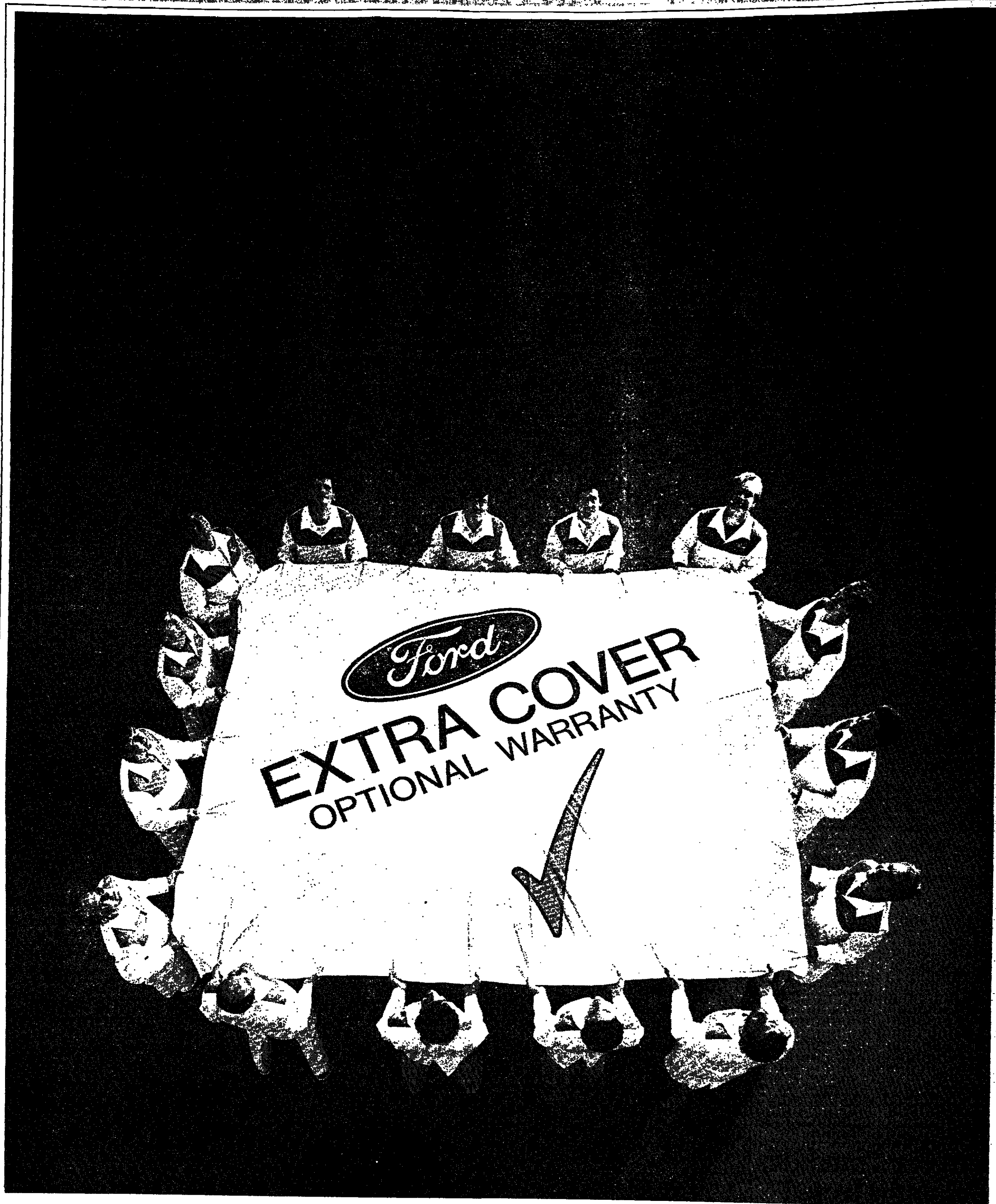
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Home loan arrears fall for the first time in seven years

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

Mortgage arrears and possessions of homes by the building societies went down in the second half of 1986 for the first time in seven years, according to figures published by the Building Societies Association.

The increase had continued during the first six months of the year.

Properties taken into possession in 1986 totalled 20,960 compared with 16,490 in the previous year but the number dropped from 10,630 in the first half of the year to 10,330. Of the seven million loans, the total represents just under 0.3 per cent.

The number of loans six to 12 months in arrears fell from 53,170 in the first half to 45,280 in the second half, and arrears of more than 12 months went down from 13,810 to 11,320.

The association says the main factor affecting the growth of arrears and possessions since 1979 has been the sharp increase in unemployment.

The easing of building society lending criteria, com-

petition in the mortgage market and the easier availability of credit also contributed to the upward trend.

In 1984 and 1985 the figures were also affected by the mining industry dispute.

With the reduction in the past six months of 1986 the association suggests that the most difficult period for those problems may be over.

It suggests that three factors were responsible for the drop in arrears and possessions: the recovery from the mining dispute; the decline in unemployment during the second half of 1986; and the increasing attention given by building societies to managing arrears and possessions.

Societies adopted better management practices, including earlier and more frequent contact with borrowers who missed mortgage payments, and better pre-loan counselling of potential borrowers.

The association, commenting on the figures, welcomes the downturn but adds that government cuts in the amount of supplementary benefit available to those in

difficulty may lead to an increase in arrears, although not of possessions, in 1987.

It says that prices in London probably increased by more than 20 per cent while those in the north of England showed growth of less than 10 per cent.

"Such differences reflect fundamental differences in economic performance and there is little that participants in the housing market can do to ameliorate them."

"However, the difficulties of those in the North trying to move south to take up employment were highlighted and may have contributed to the increased interest in private sector renting shown by many commentators during the year."

Building society figures show that the number of borrowers passed the seven million mark during the year, to stand at 7,025,000.

For the first time building society profits exceeded £1 billion, standing at £1,032 million, £229 million more than in 1985.

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Commander "Tubby" Linton (above) and his submarine, the Turbulent. The "Jolly Roger" held by his grandsons, Mr Ian Linton (top left) and Mr Bill Linton, is a replica. The original went down with the boat (Top photograph: Bill Warhurst).

Submarine VC for auction

By Howard Foster

The Victoria Cross won by one of Britain's most outstanding Second World War submariners, Commander John Wallace "Tubby" Linton, is to be auctioned by his family.

The proposed sale, to be held in London next month, has brought fears that one of the country's most important VCs could join a foreign buyer's collection.

It is the first of only four Second World War VCs awarded to submariners to be offered for sale.

Commander Linton, whose submarine, HMS Turbulent, was lost with all hands off Corsica in 1943, sank a cruiser, destroyer, a U-boat and 28 transport ships to

prevent vital supplies reaching Rommel in North Africa.

His "Jolly Roger" flag, flown above the Thunderbolt Class Turbulent, was inscribed with a locomotive, for a goods train, a lorry, for a road convoy, and an electric train, represented by a streak of lightning - all "bagged" by the submarine in lightning raids on the Libyan and Italian mainland.

The flag also bore white bars for enemy ships sunk, a white U for an enemy U-boat, a red bar for an Italian destroyer, crossed guns with eight stars for successful gun actions and two daggers, for secret operations. Yesterday, at Glendinning's, the specialist coin and medal auctioneers in

London, experts estimated that the VC, along with the commander's DSO, DSC and campaign medals, could fetch at least £50,000.

The present record price for a VC is £110,000 paid by the RAF Museum for a Battle of Britain pilot's decoration.

Yesterday Commander Linton's son, James, explained that the family was selling the medals because he was soon to undergo heart surgery and he did not know what the future would hold.

"It would be my dearest wish to see the medals bought on behalf of a British naval museum, Mr Linton, a solicitor from Norwich, said.

"Unfortunately, this is a matter of financial prudence."

Prison overcrowding

Breathing space in the cells

By Andrew Morgan

The crisis in the police stations of the Metropolitan Police, where cells are packed with remand prisoners, should start to ease today when the first prisoners are released early through increased remission.

The Metropolitan Police, which is looking after 590 Home Office prisoners, yesterday painted a grim picture of conditions in police stations such as Tottenham Court Road, where prisoners are held in cells below ground level, without natural daylight and little exercise, for most of the day. Some Victorian stations have a single wash-basin for up to eight people.

Commander Neil Dickens, of the crime and traffic division, estimated that 800 officers were now on remand duties in London, with each prisoner costing about £200 a night.

"In the past eight weeks, there have been 50 extra remand prisoners each week. If this pressure had gone on until the end of September, then we wouldn't have been able to cope."

However, at the relatively modern Albany Street police station, prisoners such as Alan, who has spent more than 20 years in jail, described as "heaven" the 11 days he has so far spent on remand there. Part of his 10 months on remand was spent at what he called the "hell-hole" of Wormwood Scrubs.

"Some police cells, like

First of early release prisoners leave today

By Stewart Tandler, Crime Reporter

Prisoners will today begin releasing the first of 3,500 inmates who are being given remission to ease pressure on Britain's jails.

The remission for good behaviour, increased from a third to a half of sentences, applies to prisoners serving sentences of 12 months or less for non-violent offences or crimes such as street and public house brawls.

The Home Office is unable to say how many prisoners will be released today but many of Britain's 125 prisons will be involved. All 3,500 prisoners will be freed within a few weeks.

The early release plan was announced last month by Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Sec-

retary, as part of a package which also includes the use of an army camp at Rolleston, Wiltshire.

The decision to start releasing prisoners was welcomed yesterday by Ms Vivien Stern, director of the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders, who said that the public was not put at greater risk by releasing short-term prisoners after six months rather than eight. Spending a few more weeks in overcrowded, insanitary cells did nothing to reduce the chance of fresh offences.

She said that last week the prison population stood at 51,019, which was 9,000 prisoners more than the system was designed to hold.

those at the Lambeth centre, are horrific, with drug addicts and drunks screaming through the night. But Albany Street is much better than most prisons and most people would prefer to serve their sentences at places like this."

Alan is expecting tomorrow to join the 88 Metropolitan prisoners who are taken to police cells around the country. For future remands, he will be part of a sweep, in which a single van picks up as

many as 14 prisoners and returns them, often through the night, for their hearings.

He said: "Being picked up from somewhere like Somerset sounds a real waste of time, effort and money. But I'm sure the cells out there in the West Country are better than any of the London jails."

The surge in prisoners reached a peak on June 3, when the usual summer fall in numbers failed to occur.

Worldwide youth jobs drive urged

By John Spicer

A Commonwealth "youth entitlement" programme, to try to cut unemployment among 15- to 24-year-olds around the world, has been suggested in a report published by the Commonwealth Secretariat.

The report also suggests that a special Commonwealth-wide Youth Enterprise Fund should be set up to support proposed initiatives by young people.

Those ideas have been put forward by a group of experts from the Commonwealth, which has been looking into the problems of the several million young people in both developed and undeveloped countries who are "without work."

In the report, published yesterday, the group members say it is impossible to assess the actual numbers of young unemployed throughout the Commonwealth. But, they say, between 1985 and 2000 the number of 15- to 24-year-olds is likely to increase by 125 million (16 per cent) in the undeveloped countries, compared with a reduction of 11 million (6 per cent) in the developed countries.

At present, there were more than 30 million unemployed people, young and old, in the OECD countries. The rate of youth unemployment is two or three times higher than adult unemployment and the youth unemployment problem is likely to grow worse over the next few years.

The group, which included Sir Richard O'Brien, former chairman of the MSC, and Mr Carl Wright, director of the Commonwealth Trade Union Council, urges all governments to provide career guidance and counselling, basic training linked to life skills

instruction; and access to further education and skills training opportunities, under their Youth Entitlement Plan.

Youth Entitlement, says the group's report, would recognize the need of young people for a role and status in society and to ensure that all are given adequate preparation for adult working life.

At a news conference to launch the report, the Commonwealth Secretary-General, Mr Shridath Ramphal, said youth unemployment was the scourge of all countries and it posed one of the greatest social dangers we faced. He said the report had already been passed by Commonwealth employment and labour ministers at their meeting in Geneva in June.

Sir Richard O'Brien said the unemployment problem was expected to stay "for as long as we can see into the future." He said the proposals and ideas put forward in the report could not be implemented by different governments at one time. Each would have to set its own pace.

He said it was impossible to assess how much it would cost different governments to embark on a scheme aimed at reducing unemployment. But he hoped the idea of a Commonwealth-wide youth enterprise fund would help the poorer nations to finance self-employment projects.

Sir Richard said the fund would not be on a massive scale but it would aid and be administered by the Commonwealth Youth Programme, which was already doing a great deal in the job creation field.

Jobs for Young People - A Way to a Better Future (Commonwealth Secretariat Publications, Marlborough House, London SW1Y 5HD; £6).

No job for company's accuser

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

A man who was dismissed after accusing Dowty, the aerospace equipment manufacturing company, of fraud, complained yesterday he had been unable to get a job since his allegations were made public.

Mr Burgess Cooper, who was a commercial assistant with Dowty, based in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, said the company was using some of the 40 research staff paid for by the Ministry of Defence under a contract dealing with supplies for military aircraft, for normal commercial work.

He claimed two years ago he was ordered to be "a ghost worker", pretending to programme a computer, when government auditors went round the plant.

The ministry said yesterday that Dowty had admitted overcharging. Mr Cooper, who was dismissed for gross industrial misconduct, said: "My honour is now completely vindicated. What I exposed has now been proved to be true."

"But I have been unemployed for two years and have no prospects of a job with the reference Dowty gave me."

Mr Cooper's allegations were investigated by the police but the Director of Public Prosecutions decided against action.

The ministry said yesterday the Dowty company had "overcharged over a period of time. They apologised and we have negotiated an amount that should be paid back."

It would not confirm a figure of £500,000 but said the overcharging had occurred on "a whole range of equipment"

Wigwam hippies told to go

By Andrew Morgan

The British hippie movement received a setback yesterday when officials announced that the so-called Teepee Village, established in west Wales 10 years ago, will have to go.

The hundred-strong community known as the Rainbow Tribe has developed a library and teaching facilities among the wigwams, and some members are on the local electoral list and community council.

The group has the Rev Richard Mayes, a former Anglican curate, among its number. His son, Kai, was born 13 weeks ago in his teepee to his Chinese wife, Kim.

Yesterday, however, the findings of a public inquiry were published and, despite the inspector's praise for the village, the hippies must pack their tents and disappear from their 70 acres of pasture at Cwmdau, near Llanddeilo, Dyfed, in the next 12 months.

In his report Mr Peter Eccles, the inspector, says he was impressed with the "sincerity and simplicity with which the teepee dwellers followed their lifestyle."

He added: "In relation to the local ecology their presence seems to me, on balance, to be beneficial."

But he agreed with Dinorw Borough Council that the teepees contravened planning regulations. He rejected the argument that, like gypsies, they merited special consideration.

Dockland railway is still on trial

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

The London Docklands Light Railway, which should have opened on July 31, now seems unlikely to do so before the end of this month.

Three days before its originally planned opening, London Regional Transport said the railway had not achieved the standard of reliability that it wished to provide for the public, but that it would open "within a few weeks."

Despite that, the formal opening by the Queen on July 30 went ahead, after which the railway continued to operate a trial service, but without passengers. Yesterday it was still being said that it would open within weeks.

The railway said it was still running a proving service without passengers from 5.30am until beyond midnight

and was pleased that consistency was improving.

The opening was delayed last month because of computer faults which closed the entire system for periods of up to 30 minutes. LRT said at the time that it would require a week of reliable running by the contractors plus at least two weeks of trouble-free scheduled running by themselves before it would consider the railway ready for the public.

Once it had achieved that, it could open "quite quickly."

The railway, which has 16 stations, has cost £77 million to build. Already it is planned to spend a further £50 million to enable it to carry more passengers, plus a £137 million on an extension from Tower Hill to Bank.

Thames swans dying in spite of lead shot ban

By A Staff Reporter

Eleven swans from the Garlick's Ait area of the Thames have died from lead shot poisoning in the seven weeks since the start of the coarse angling season.

This is believed to be one of the worst death tolls since the Second World War, although anglers are banned from using lead to weight lines.

The organization Swan Lifeline yesterday took a further three poisoned swans from the area, making a total

of 50 which have been lifted from the Thames between Abingdon in Oxfordshire and Hampton, west London.

Of these, 39 have come from the 500-yard stretch close to Garlick's Ait, near Hampton Court Palace, west London, where the Queen owns about two-thirds of the swans. Last night, two more seemed certain to die.

Affected swans usually have up to seven pieces of shot inside them, but up to 50 pieces have been found in

some of those taken in the past few days. Most of the affected swans are aged between 12 months and three years. But some three-week-old cygnets, after being x-rayed, have been found with nothing in their gizzards but lead shot.

Mr Roy Headley, of Swan Lifeline, said: "Lead shot has been banned from the Thames but anglers continue using it. I'm sure many fishermen are reasonable but these people must be very callous."

Mr Tim Heron, the chairman, said: "This is the worst

example this century of lead poisoning."

Yesterday, the Thames Water Authority was dredging a one-foot swathe along the Surrey bank, hoping to pick up wasted shot, hooks and line. It was being replaced with tons of gravel, which swans use to help digest water weeds.

Usually, the gravel passes through the swan's gizzard, but the lead becomes caught and a slow grinding reduces it until the lead passes into the blood stream, affecting the kidneys and heart.

The injured swans are being taken to the Swan Lifeline sanctuary near Egham, Surrey. The Worshipful Company of Vintners, which owns swans together with the Worshipful Company of Dyers, has given £500 for the swans' treatment.

So far, three have been returned to the Thames at Windsor. Mrs Dorothy Beeson, who helps run the sanctuary, said treatment consists largely of anti-lead drugs, antibiotics, azabiotic steroids and a multi-vitamin feed.

Discovery of gene defect may help cancer sufferers

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Discoveries announced by researchers yesterday may lead to the early diagnosis and better treatment of some forms of bowel cancer, which claim up to 19,000 lives in Britain every year.

Cancer of the bowel is second only to lung cancer in the number of deaths it causes. About 25,000 new cases are recorded every year, and the death rate has not changed for decades.

An international team, organized by the Imperial Cancer Research Fund in London, has identified the genetic defect which causes many cases.

At least 25 per cent of future patients may benefit from this and related findings.

Children who have one parent with the inherited form, called Familial Adenomatous Polyposis (FAP), have a 50 per cent risk of inheriting a susceptibility to it. Families at risk could be offered pre-natal screening to test whether the defects are present in the foetus.

Early diagnosis of the cancer would lead to improved treatment, while negative results of tests during pregnancy would reassure parents.

Precise identification of the abnormal gene is one of the next targets of the researchers, and from that the develop-

ment of a drug to treat the cancer is a practical possibility, the organizers said yesterday.

The ultimate aim would be a drug to cure bowel cancer. The interim objective - an effective drug treatment - would replace major surgery, which is the only option at present. Existing drugs and radiotherapy have been ineffective in combating bowel cancer.

The faulty gene was localized by the researchers in a rare, inherited form of the disease. They then went on to prove that many bowel cancer patients with no such family history have similar genetic changes.

The results of the research are published in *Nature* today. Scientists from St Mark's Hospital, London, Leicester University, Broadgreen Hospital, Liverpool, and the Hadassah Medical School in Jerusalem were involved.

Sir Walter Bodmer, director of research at the organizers, said: "We are very excited about this development."

"It will be some time before we may be able to put it to practical use in treatment. But the new approaches we so badly need will only be found through fundamental research of this kind."



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Underground test by Russians

Moscow — The Soviet Union conducted another underground nuclear test in Yakutia early yesterday (Mary Dejevsky writes). An announcement by Tass said the explosion, with a yield of less than 20 kilotonnes, had been conducted "in the interests of the national economy".

This was the 11th test carried out by the Soviet Union since it ended its 19-month moratorium on nuclear testing in February, and the third this month. It came a day after Moscow had confirmed a US report that it had begun deploying a new type of mobile, long-range nuclear missile. The SS 24 has a range of up to 6,200 miles, can carry up to 10 independently-targeted warheads, and can be launched from specially adapted railway trucks.

The head of the Soviet Foreign Ministry's arms control directorate, Mr Viktor Karpov, confirming that deployment had begun, denied US claims that Moscow was contravening the strategic arms limitation treaty, Salt 2.

Policeman shot dead

Istanbul (AP) — Three men raked a police station with sub-machine gun fire yesterday, killing a policeman and wounding two others. The attack took place in the Istanbul suburb of Zeytinburnu.

Istanbul's Deputy Police Chief Mehmet Agar said the attackers arrived in a van, began shooting from inside the vehicle and sped off. Police found two unexploded hand grenades apparently hurled by the gunmen at the station. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack.

Enrile's Afghans comeback

Manila — The former Philippines Defence Minister, Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, who was dismissed by President Aquino after being implicated in a coup plot, has won a seat in the new 24-strong Senate (Humphrey Hawkesley writes).

Mr Enrile is to take up his seat this morning, ending weeks of speculation as to whether he would be able to work within the new political system.

Mr Enrile became a national hero last year when he defected from President Marcos to help bring Mrs Aquino to power.

Afghans mobbed

Karachi — Violent crowds attacked Afghan refugees, burnt vehicles and ransacked banks and shops in Mardan city in Pakistan's North West Frontier Province yesterday after three bomb explosions killed 17 people and injured 60 (Zahid Hussain writes).

An angry crowd assembled at the site of the blasts and formed a procession led by the leaders of the opposition Awami National Party and People's Party.

Three policemen, including a deputy superintendent, were also injured. The police baton-charged the crowd.

Kenyan judge resigns

Nairobi (Reuters) — A Kenyan High Court judge has decided to resign in protest at a controversial human rights case being removed from his jurisdiction by the Chief Justice.

Mrs Anne Schofield, wife of high court judge, Justice Derek Schofield, said that her husband had decided not to renew his contract, which expires in October, after Tuesday's decision by the Chief Justice to withdraw from his jurisdiction a *habeas corpus* case concerning a farmer who was shot dead by police last April.

Jet faults 'a mistake'

Tokyo (Reuters) — A Boeing executive said yesterday that faulty repairs which caused the worst single-plane air crash in history were an "innocent mistake", the Japanese media reported.

Some 250 mourners climbed Mount Osutaka to pay their respects to the 520 victims at the site where a Japan Air Lines Boeing 747 crashed on August 12, 1985. Kyodo news service and the *Yomiuri Shimbun* newspaper said Mr John Swaihart, a Boeing vice president, said at the crash site the faulty repairs were "an innocent mistake".

Indians killed

Colombo — The Indian Army suffered its first casualties in Sri Lanka yesterday when a major and a private were killed and two soldiers injured in Jaffna (Vijitha Yapa writes).

The casualties occurred during the clearing land-mines placed near Jaffna fort over the last four years. ● Guerrillas killed: Jaffna residents said four guerrillas were also killed in the operation to remove the land-mines (Reuters reports). Officials said that the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam guerrillas had surrendered about 800 weapons.

Call to abolish Wall

Bonn — On the eve of the 26th anniversary of the building of the Berlin Wall, West German politicians called yesterday for it to come down or be made "more permeable". (Our Correspondent writes). The Governing Mayor of West Berlin, Herr Eberhard Diepgen, said the Wall "stood in contradiction" to East Germany's self-proclaimed policy of détente and good neighbourliness. Peaceful development in Europe was not served when "in the heart of the continent, in the middle of one city, people who seek nothing more than the freedom to move are shot at".

New Portuguese Cabinet

Silva creates two posts in reshuffle

Lisbon (Reuters) — Senior Anibal Cavaco Silva, the Portuguese Prime Minister, yesterday named the ministers in his new Government. They include a new Foreign Minister and the creation of two new Cabinet posts.

Senior Cavaco Silva won an outright majority in a general election in July, giving him a four-year mandate to lead Portugal's seventeenth Government since democracy was restored in 1974.

The former Education Minister, Senhor João de Deus Pinheiro, was named the new Foreign Minister, replacing Senhor Pedro Pires de Miranda, who is expected to return to his career in the oil industry. Senhor Miguel Cadilhe remains Finance Minister.

President Mario Soares formally invited Senhor Cavaco Silva to form a Government in a 90-minute meeting yesterday. The new Government is expected to be sworn in on Monday.

The new National Assembly meets for the first time today to ratify the July 19 election results in which Senhor Cavaco Silva's Social Democrats took 148 of the 250 seats. The Communists won 60 seats, the Socialists and allies 31, the Democratic Renewal Party seven and the Christian Democrats four.

Senior Cavaco Silva, aged 48, created a post of Deputy Prime Minister, naming Senhor Eurico de Melo, who will also serve as Defence Minister.

ter. Senhor de Melo was Interior Minister and Minister of State under the previous administration.

A new post of Youth Minister was also created, to be occupied by Senhor Antonio Couto dos Santos, a former Secretary of State.

Other new ministers include Senhor Antonio Capucho, Finance; Miguel Ribeiro Cadilhe, Planning and Territorial Administration; Luis Valente de Oliveira; Interior; José Silveira Godinho; Foreign Affairs; João de Deus Pinheiro; Agriculture, Fisheries and Food; Alvaro Barreto, Industry and Energy; Luis Mira Amaral; Education; Roberto Carneiro (Independently); Public Works and Communication; João Oliveira Martins; Health; Leonor Belez; Labour and Social Security; José Silva Feneida; Trade and Tourism; and Joaquim Ferreira do Amaral, Trade and Tourism.

Senior José Silveira Godinho, Interior; Senhor José Silva Feneida, Labour and Social Security; and Senhor Joaquim Ferreira do Amaral, Trade and Tourism.

The only non-Social Democratic Cabinet member, Senhor Roberto Carneiro, an independent, was named Education Minister.

Whitehall to stand firm on UN embargo threat

By Andrew McEwen
Diplomatic Correspondent

The Government will not consent to Iran's apparent wish to renegotiate the United Nations Security Council mandatory resolution calling for a ceasefire in the Gulf war.

After a 23-day delay Iran presented an official reply which neither accepted nor rejected it outright.

Although Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary-General, had not yet passed on the text to the five permanent Security Council members, British sources said yesterday that it amounted to an attempt to get the wording changed to suit Tehran.

If this is confirmed Britain will take it as a refusal to co-operate, and will press ahead with attempts to organize a Security Council arms embargo against Iran.

Preliminary discussions have been held with the US and France on how this could be achieved.

In New York, Iran's ambassador, Mr Rajaei Khorassani said his country's response was "mostly a series of comments on the resolution and also specifying the areas in which we would like to work with the Secretary General".

He described the Security Council resolution, passed on July 20, as "more or less an Iraqi draft".

The Iranian Prime Minister, Mr Hussein Mousavi, said yesterday that the decision of Britain and France to send minesweepers to the Gulf was a violation of the resolution.

In a broadcast on Tehran radio he said that the resolution could not bring about peace in the region because it did not reflect Iran's demands.

● Surprise response: Tehran's formal response to the UN ceasefire resolution, has taken observers by surprise.

The response from Dr Ali Akbar Velayati, the Iranian Foreign Minister, to the Secretary-General of the UN, Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, urged that "both sides of the conflict be consulted".

While it remains possible that Iran is merely trying to buy time by attempting to delay the imposition of an arms embargo against it, the phrase could imply that Iran is no longer demanding the removal of President Saddam Hussein of Iraq as a pre-condition to peace talks.

But it is unlikely that the UN would impose sanctions on Iran at present. The Soviet Union is expected to veto any such proposal.

The response was regarded as moderate in tone, possibly explained by the current debate taking place among the country's leaders

on how best to continue the war with Iraq.

An insight into this debate was provided recently by the Speaker of Parliament, Hojatoleslam Hashemi Rafsanjani, in an unusually frank interview with *Entela*, one of Tehran's twin evening papers, when he said that the war effort had cost the Government \$3 billion (£1.9 billion) last year, forcing him to ask himself sometimes "whether it is wise to ask the people to tighten their belts further".

Possibly mindful of the dangers to his own political standing among Islamic zealots, he said that the pursuit of the war to complete victory had the backing of all the country's leaders, but he added the Ayatollah has recently seemed to be in an uncompromising mood and may easily change his stand.

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Washington rings out warning over Iran threats

From Michael Biayon,
Washington

The Reagan Administration, heartened by the decision of Britain and France to send minesweepers to the Gulf, has announced its determination to fulfil its mission there and deal "appropriately" with anything that interferes.

Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, said that the US would carry out its escort operation. Threats by Iran would not force President Reagan to disband the force of at least 17 US warships in the region: only a ceasefire between Iran and Iraq and an end to hostilities threatening commercial shipping in the Gulf could do that, he said.

Iran launched a blistering attack on the US in the United Nations on Tuesday when it gave its formal reaction to the UN call for a ceasefire.

A letter from Dr Ali Akbar Velayati, the Iranian Foreign Minister, to Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar was so bitter that the Secretary General persuaded the Iranian Ambassador, who delivered it, to replace it with a shorter, less acerbic version. The letter accused the US of imposing its will on the Security Council in an attempt to regain credibility after the Iran-Contra affair.

The United States is pressing for a second resolution that would impose an arms embargo on Iran for refusing to honour the July 20 resolution. But several key members of the Security Council, including Japan, China, West Germany and the Soviet Union, have indicated that Iran must be given more time.

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● Helicopters stranded: announcement of Allied forces when the US is faced with the additional embarrassment that its own minesweeping helicopters are now stranded aboard a carrier that has broken down off Diego Garcia.

An electrical fault aboard the Guadalcanal is expected to hold it up for at least four days. It is carrying eight Sea Stallion mine-sweeping helicopters which were rushed out from the US after the holding of the Bridgeton super-tanker.

US officials, in an attempt to halt escalation of tensions, have refused to confirm officially that a US Navy fighter fired missiles at a suspected Iranian plane last weekend. They said that to discuss it publicly would encourage violent retaliation by Iran.

● Haig attack: General Alexander Haig, a Republican presidential candidate and former Secretary of State, said yesterday that the US was involved in a "game of one-upmanship" with the Soviet Union in the Gulf that could drive Iran into the Soviet bear hug.

The four Royal Navy minesweepers being sent to the Gulf will have the capability to deal with any kind of mine, both sophisticated and old-fashioned, although only old-style moored mines have so far been discovered in the region.

Each of the minesweepers will have a team of five divers under an officer also qualified to dive. The ships are equipped with towed-wire "sweeps" to deal with tethered mines, and two French-designed PAP 104 remote-controlled submarines to track and destroy sophisticated seabed acoustic and magnetic mines.

The towed-wire system, which cuts free mines moored below the surface, is known as the Cropsa sweep after the ship which carried out the earliest minesweeping experiments in the First World War.

Two lengths of wire about 400 yards long and with explosive cutting "jaws" every few feet are dragged astern. The wires are separated by "otters", rather like venetian blinds, which spread them out to either side of the ship just below the surface. Once a moored mine is contacted, the sweep wire ships along its mooring until that drops into one of the jaws and the explosive charge forces the mine to rise to the surface.

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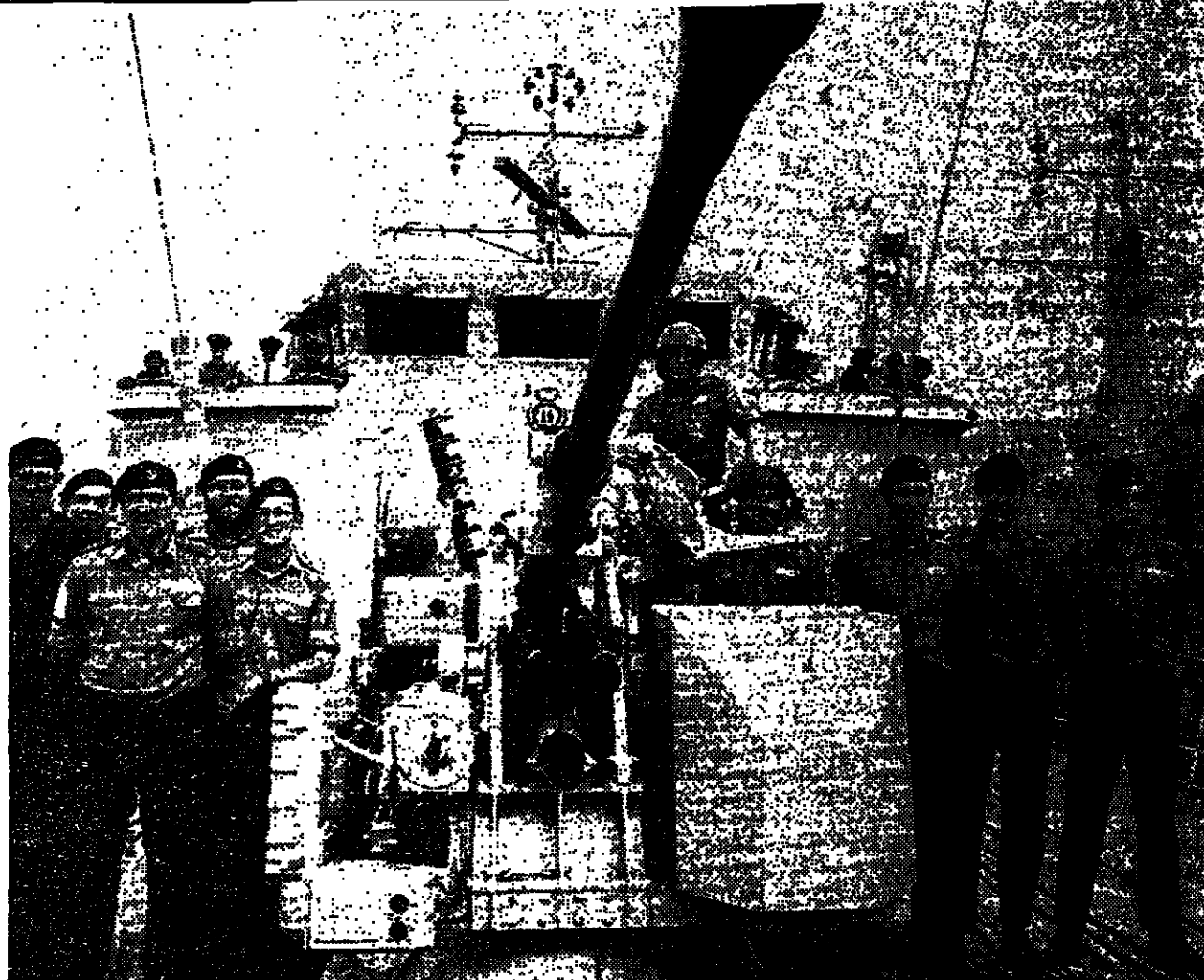
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Crew members aboard HMS Brocklesby taking a break from preparing their minesweeper for its Gulf mission yesterday.

Royal Navy ready for all mine types

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

According to mine counter-measure sources at the Ministry of Defence, it is unlikely that the mines which surface will be dealt with in the simplest fashion — which is to shoot at them so that they explode. The sources said that if that were done, a mine might drop to the sea bed and could remain a possible hazard to trawlers. The sources said that divers would instead be sent to attach small explosive charges to mines to destroy them completely.

In the event of the minesweepers detecting acoustic or magnetic mines with their sophisticated sonar systems, the commanders would themselves choose whether to send

in a remote-controlled submersible or a diving team.

The PAP 104s are directed by the sonar beam. Equipped with TV cameras, they locate the mine, which can be studied on a TV monitor on board the control ship. The submersible is then directed to release a bomb and withdraw to safety before it is detonated.

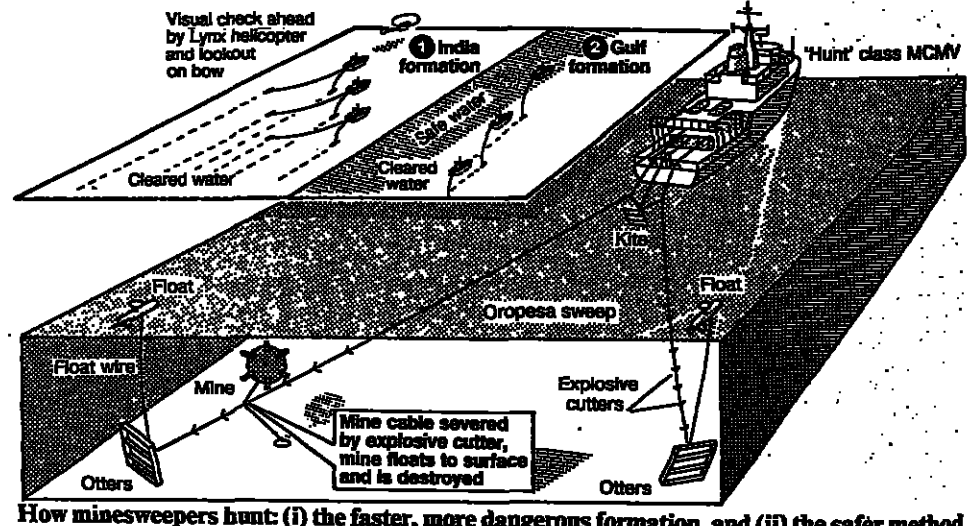
If divers are used instead, they go out on board small non-magnetic Gemini craft to where the mine is located.

Once the four minesweepers reach the Gulf they will adopt an "India" or "Golf" convoy formation. The former is more risky, since the vessels are spread out without covering each other. This would

enable them, however, to sweep much more rapidly. Under the Golf formation, the ships follow one another, overlapping by about 50 yards.

In each formation, a Lynx helicopter from one of the Armilla Patrol warships will probably fly ahead to look out for mines. Sources said that the water in the region was very clear.

The sources said that it was possible to fit certain other types of vessel with minesweeping equipment, but the Hunt class ships being sent to the Gulf were purpose-built and, as they had plastic hulls, would not set off magnetic mines.



How minesweepers hunt: (i) the faster, more dangerous formation, and (ii) the safer method.

Council extends war zone for British seamen

South Korea crippled by unrest

Protesters in fresh Seoul street battles

Seoul (Reuters) — About 1,500 protesters demanding the release of political prisoners fought with riot police yesterday in the first violent confrontation in Seoul since the Government agreed to reforms last month.

The protesters, some swinging clubs, grappled with the police as they tried to march through central Seoul from the Myongdong Roman Catholic Cathedral where they had staged a rally. But police fired tear gas and drove the protesters back.

It was the first time in six weeks that tear gas followed through the streets of Seoul. Nearly three weeks of protests in June forced the military-backed Government to concede on July 1 to opposition demands for political reforms.

Last month, the Government freed 534 dissidents and restored civil rights to 2,300 others under the concessions, but opposition leaders said 200 dissidents were still behind bars.

Last week, the Justice Ministry said those jailed were either North Korean spies or Communist sympathizers and further releases would not be considered.

The protesters, mostly students and relatives of the prisoners, held a four-hour rally on the cathedral grounds during which they burned effigies representing President Chun Doo-hwan and the presidential candidate, Mr Roh Tae-woo.

President Chun, who took power in 1980 after a military coup, has pledged to step down next year. In his July 1 concessions, he agreed to constitutional reforms leading to the first direct presidential election in 16 years.

Meanwhile, ministers at a hastily called Cabinet meeting yesterday ordered police to intervene if necessary to prevent violence in the country's growing labour unrest, which has crippled export industries.

This was the first sign of government intervention in the strikes which officials estimate have cost £128 million in lost production and exports, mainly in the key mining, manufacturing and transport sectors.

"The ministers agreed that there were dangers of social chaos and economic stagnation because the recent labour disputes have spread to all industries and got more violent," a Government spokesman said.

Riot police have already suppressed several violent demonstrations by militant coal miners and yesterday they battled striking fishermen who rampaged through the main fish market in Pusan, the country's largest port.

Police said almost 200 companies were disrupted by disputes yesterday, including the country's three main car manufacturers and other leading exporters. Shipments of cars and lorries have been virtually halted, company officials said.

The Minister of Labour, Mr Lee Heun Ki, served warning on Tuesday that the Government would intervene if the labour unrest turned violent or damaged South Korea's export-driven economy.

Mr Lee's warning followed calls for moderation by both Government and Opposition leaders who fear the

unrest will not only hurt the economy but delay political reform.

The State Prosecutors' Office said violent protesters would be arrested and tried. At least two shipyard workers in the industrial city of Changwon had been charged with organizing violent demonstrations last week, it said.

Police said they were questioning more than 30

people after 1,000 fishing boat crewmen smashed computers, telephones and other furniture at 200 offices in the Pusan market.

Police said that more than 300 companies have been hit by labour strife since July 1, when the Government conceded to opposition demands for democratic reform to end nearly three weeks of violent street protests.

In Pusan, Changwon, Masan and nearby cities, about 11,000 people demonstrated yesterday demanding higher wages, better work conditions and independent trade unions, police said.

Hyundai Motor Company, South Korea's largest car manufacturer, on Tuesday announced an indefinite closure of its assembly lines because of parts shortages and strikes at its suppliers.

Worker power: A wave of labour unrest is sweeping through South Korea, with thousands of employees from bus drivers to factory workers striking for higher wages and the right to organize trade unions without Government interference (The New York Times reports).

The question of labour rights is one of the most explosive political and economic issues in South Korea. The Government has long taken a tough line on labour, all but outlawing strikes and imprisoning those it considers labour agitators.

But since the Government bowed to opposition demands and announced democratic changes, labour disputes have been mounting as workers allege that they have not received their fair share of South Korea's booming economic growth. The disputes have accelerated in the past week.

Business leaders have expressed concern that plant shutdowns and late deliveries could hurt not only their own companies, but also South Korea's image as a powerful exporter.

Diplomats and analysts, however, say the economy would not suffer too much if the disputes can be settled quickly.

Lange on offensive under rural crossfire

From Richard Long
Wellington

The New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr David Lange, has sampled considerable rural anger on the campaign trail, being presented with a dead lamb by protesters in the marginal constituency of Geraldine, in the far south of the country, last week.

One protester refused his proffered hand with undisguised hostility, saying: "You are just as big an idiot as you are on television."

When Mr Lange viewed a damaged footbridge which the locals want the Government to replace, there was approval when someone called: "Make him walk the plank."

The tumult mirrored the resentment felt in the regions towards the Labour Government's economic restructuring programme, which has left them deeply depressed, while the cities boom.

Mr Lange, clearly ill at ease in this kind of street campaigning, did not improve his chances in the country's general election this Saturday.



when he responded aggressively. He accused those complaining of being opposition National Party voters. He told one farmer that he had been lied to by experts, but the farmer was by no means an expert.

He told a woman with social welfare complaints that she did not know what she was talking about. At a tree planting, when a farmer advised Mr Lange not to forget the fertilizer, he responded: "Just open your mouth."

The details were graphically picked up by the cameras and shown repeatedly on television news because of the absence of other news in this lacklustre campaign.

The result was a Labour Party strategy huddle and a reborn, amiable Mr Lange who, while denying any style changes the next day, smiled at tormentors and would not be drawn into exchanges.



The New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr David Lange, left, smiling with cartoonist, Murray Ball, during a campaign visit to the humorist's coastal farm in Gisborne yesterday.

Zealand, Mr Lange admitted candidly that he would rather stand up without his clothes than run the style of campaign to which he was being shackled. "I could clean up any of these people all of the time, but that is not my job," he complained.

The Labour Party strategy has been to give the appearance of government-as-usual, with the election campaign being peripheral and unimportant. Mr Lange makes daily forays into the electorate, largely bypassing the traditional factory meetings

and evening rallies for "soft" picture opportunities. But this very absence of campaigning and debating of the issues has tended to magnify incidents such as the Geraldine confrontation, leading to a belief among some Labour officials that Mr Lange would be better to return to the traditional evening rallies in halls, where his persuasive oratory can be used to his best advantage.

Mr Lange does not excel in the one-to-one street meetings, where his quick wit and smart one-liners often offend those

not familiar with his mercurial temperament.

Mr Bolger is at his best in this style of campaigning, having a relaxed and easy manner that tends to disarm even some of his opponents. He represents the central North Island rural electorate of King Country, and identifies closely with the rural downturn which has followed the Labour Government's economic policies.

The removal of farm subsidies led to the collapse of land prices at a time when interest rates, freed from controls, rose to around 20 per cent — and higher for second and third mortgages. This technically bankrupted many farmers, the severe depression whipped the region as farmers stopped spending, rural contractors folded, country shops closed.

Federated Farmers, the national farmer organization, backed the government reforms in principle, provided the restructuring was evenly spread to all sectors. But the Government, faced with a revolt by its union supporters, balked at labour-market reform and staggered the removal of frontier protection.

Anger in the provinces was increased by the obvious signs of wealth in the cities as corporate activity expanded, freed from the economic shackles of the past. Labour's election advertising campaign fell into the trap of picturing Cabinet Ministers in corporate settings, instead of their own offices, adding to the rural resentment. The National Party played to the sentiment in its campaign advertising, picturing the demise of the regions and street violence.

Labour holds a comfortable 15-seat majority. Its problem is that the election on Saturday will be decided largely on the fall of eight marginal regional seats which it holds with narrow majorities. These seats, ranging from the east coast of the North Island to the deep south, are where the National Party is concentrating its efforts.

Mr Lange's ill-fated walkabout in Geraldine last week was aimed at shoring up government support in one such electorate — Waitaki, held by Labour with a 1,227-vote majority. As a result of his intervention, it is a seat some experts reckon is now lost to the Government.

Tomorrow: Mr Lange's rise to power

The quest for peace in Central America

Rebels name price for ceasefire

From Martha Honey, San José

Rebel groups in Nicaragua, El Salvador and Guatemala have all adopted equivocal attitudes towards the regional peace plan signed by Central American presidents in Guatemala last week. They say they will not accept a ceasefire until they are brought into the negotiating process and the governments they oppose first agree to concessions.

The Nicaraguan Contras, the region's only right-wing rebels, did not denounce the plan, but said that they will not put down their arms until the Government in Managua adopts a series of democratic reforms.

The Contra leader, Señor Adolfo Calero, said the peace plan's provisions calling for democracy and associated freedoms, represent "serious problems" for President Ortega of Nicaragua.

Señor Calero, the leader of the US-backed Nicaraguan Democratic Force said that "the ball is in his (Ortega's) court", and declared that his Contra forces would keep fighting until the Sandinista Government makes the reforms promised in the peace plan. He called for more US military aid, which he claimed would help force the hand of the Sandinista Government.

A key aspect of the plan, signed by the presidents of Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Costa Rica, is "simultaneity". It calls for implementation at the same time, of a ceasefire between government and rebel forces, a

cut-off of foreign support to rebel groups, amnesty for the rebels, and democratic reforms in Nicaragua and the other countries. Costa Rican officials say the simultaneity aspect of the plan was designed specifically to avoid the "you go first" demands now developing.

While none of the region's rebels were party to the peace talks, the plan states that the Central American governments should now open dialogue with internal opposition groups and armed exile groups willing to accept the amnesty. This formula could bind Nicaragua to talk directly with the Contras.

The Nicaraguan rebel leader who is most positive about the plan is Señor Edén Pastora, who gave up the armed struggle a year ago after a lengthy feud with the US Central Intelligence Agency. In an interview here he said that he is now seriously considering returning to Nicaragua and will soon send to Nicaragua a small delegation of trusted aides to prepare the groundwork.

Señor Pastora, who is said to have considerable popular following inside Nicaragua, and who is determined to steer a course independent of both the Sandinistas and the US-backed Contras, represents an interesting wild card in the peace formula.

El Salvador's left-wing guerrillas also say they will not put down their arms until the Government of President Duarte negotiates conditions for a

ceasefire as part of a complete political settlement to the eight-year-old war. The Salvadorean Rebel spokesman, Señor Guillermo Ungo, praised the Central American accord because, he said, it was reached despite US Government opposition. "The Reagan Administration does not want talks that include the Nicaraguan Government. The Central American governments have demonstrated some autonomy from Washington and that's the most important accomplishment of the peace plan," Mr Ungo said in a telephone interview from Panama.

However, Señor Ungo, who is president of the Revolutionary Democratic Front, the guerrillas' political wing, criticized the peace plan for taking a regional approach to what he said are very different Central American conflicts. He said the plan, drawn up by President Arias of Costa Rica, was formulated with Nicaragua in mind. "They tailored a dress for Nicaragua and want to put it also on El Salvador. But we are different bodies with different weights and the dress does not fit," Señor Ungo said.

Central America's oldest, and least heard from, guerrilla movement, the National Revolutionary Union of Guatemala also said in a communiqué that it would not accept a permanent ceasefire without a previously negotiated settlement with the Guatemalan Government.

Ortega takes first step by talking to church and internal opposition

From A Correspondent, Managua

President Ortega of Nicaragua met yesterday with the country's Roman Catholic prelate and members of opposition parties to ask them to choose their delegates for a National Reconciliation Commission.

The meetings were the first steps towards compliance with the Central American peace plan signed in Guatemala last Friday.

Señor Ortega met for more than an hour with Cardinal Miguel Obando y Bravo in the Cesar Augusto Silva convention centre, a former country club on the outskirts of Managua.

The President and the Cardinal agreed that the Church would designate a delegate and a substitute to the National Reconciliation Commission as specified by the peace plan.

"The Church has to work for reconciliation," Cardinal Obando told reporters. "If this process fails the road to peace will meet many obstacles."

He said the reopening of the Catholic radio station, closed

by the Sandinista Government on January 1, 1986, was discussed as a subject for further dialogue.

Following the meeting with Cardinal Obando, Señor Ortega met with representatives of 11 opposition political parties and presented them with a copy of the peace plan.

He warned that the success of the peace plan would depend on "practical steps" and called for more rationality

and maturity on the part of opposition parties.

The political parties will also name a delegate and a substitute to the National Reconciliation Commission. The commission, according to the peace plan, will be made up of a government representative, a member of the Opposition parties, a member of the Roman Catholic Church hierarchy and an independent figure who does not belong to the ruling Sandinista National Liberation Front.

The mood here is one of general optimism. However, Señor Erick Ramírez, the leader of the Social Christian Party, expressed his doubts.

"We have political prisoners. There are thousands of political prisoners. If the Government is serious it will declare an amnesty for those prisoners. It should open the Catholic radio station and La Prensa (the opposition newspaper) and lift the state of emergency immediately," he said. "Until the Government does such things, this is nothing but a propaganda show."

Reagan officials show opposition to Arias plan as fanfares fade

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

It is now clear that the Central American peace plan signed with such fanfare six days ago by five of the region's leaders is encountering stiff opposition within the Reagan administration — and even its principal author, President Arias of Costa Rica, has raised doubts about its chances.

In the most outspoken criticism of the initiative by any senior Cabinet member so far, Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, said that the plan had "some problems" and could lead to the demise of the American-backed Contras as a military force before democracy was restored in Nicaragua.

President Arias said in an interview published here that his peace initiative could not succeed unless Nicaragua allowed freedom of the press, an obvious reference to the closure of the opposition *La Prensa* newspaper and the muzzling of the Roman Catholic radio station.

"The language of the agreement is very explicit and not open to interpretation on this point," he insisted. "Fortunately, Spanish is not an ambiguous language." He also called on Nicaragua to lift the

state of emergency which has been in force for five years.

The US Republican right-wing is fiercely opposed to President Arias's plan and to President Reagan's own peace initiative in Central America. Key conservatives, such as Mrs Jeane Kirkpatrick, the former US Ambassador to the United Nations, and Mr Jack Keup, a presidential contender, are strongly urging Mr

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Reagan to provide additional aid to the Contras after the present \$100 million (\$62.5 million) package expires on September 30.

Mr Kemp, in a statement, asked President Reagan to recall Congress from its month-long recess to vote through a new package, and called on him to reject the Arias plan. He said the plan was contrary to US interests because "it has no enforcement provision".

There is division within the Administration as to whether to wait for the Arias plan negotiations to run their course before submitting to Congress a new aid request, which could

be for as much as \$150 million over 18 months.

One option under consideration is to ask only for non-military aid for the time being. But Mr Weinberger insisted that he would not be willing to settle for a package of humanitarian aid that might leave the rebels exposed on the battlefield during the negotiation and implementation period.

He was concerned that if aid for the rebels was held up, there might not be "sufficient support to keep the Contras in being as a military force". If they "withdrew away" there would be no leverage on the Sandinistas to honour their promises, he said.

President Reagan clearly has no intention of supporting the Arias plan in anything like its present form. Vice-President George Bush declared that the US would not abandon the rebels or leave them "twisting in the wind, wondering whether they are going to be done-in by a peace plan". He insisted that the Administration might still try to implement President Reagan's separate Central American peace initiative, which was announced two days before the Arias plan was signed.

Iran-Contra investigation costs soar

From Michael Binyon, Washington

The cost of the congressional and criminal investigations into the Iran-Contra affair has exceeded \$4 million (£2.5 million), more than the total the Nicaraguan Contras received in diverted funds, and is expected to go higher, officials here said.

The bulk of the money has been spent by the two congressional committees, which spent more than \$2 million on the 12-week hearings, including salaries for about 100 extra staff. Mr Arthur Liman, the Senate counsel, was the highest paid, earning more than \$72,000. Mr John Nields, his House counterpart, was paid \$100 an hour.

But by far the largest total expense will be incurred by Mr Lawrence Walsh, the special prosecutor. He has already spent \$1.8 million, paying 29 lawyers, 35 Federal Bureau of Investigation agents,

11 Internal Revenue Service agents, six customs agents and 73 administrative personnel, as well as rent for his office. Mr Walsh's costs will rise steeply if there are prosecutions.

Mr Walsh has already indicated that Rear-Admiral John Poindexter, the former National Security Adviser, and Lieutenant-Colonel Oli-

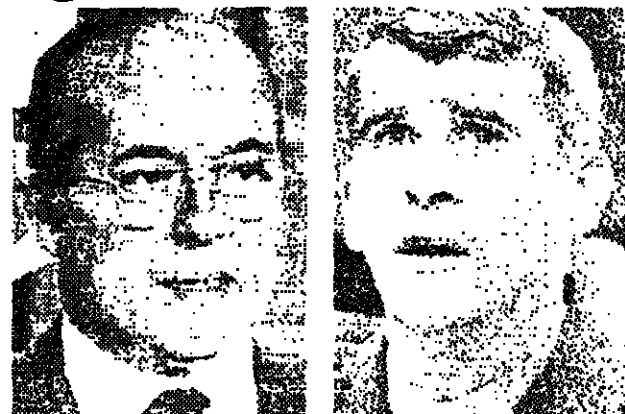
ver North, his aide, are the main targets of his investigation and that the first indictments could come next month, and certainly no later than November. Two others who may be charged are retired Major-General Richard Secord and his partner in business, Mr Albert Hakim.

All four are likely to face conspiracy charges, accusing them of conspiring to violate a number of federal laws, including the Boland Amendment which restricted aid to the Nicaraguan Contras, the Arms Export Control Act and the Intelligence Oversight Act.

Mr Walsh told the American Bar Association at the weekend that neither the popularity nor the good intentions of those involved in the affair would be a factor in deciding whether to bring criminal charges.

He said that congressional grants of immunity to "central figures" such as Admiral Poindexter and Colonel North had posed the most serious external threat to his investigation, but "we think we have met it and we intend to go ahead".

A further difficulty is what charges to bring. The Boland Amendment carried no criminal penalties, and could be a



Rear-Admiral Poindexter, left, and Lieutenant-Colonel North, the main targets of Mr Walsh's investigation.

weak foundation for a conspiracy case.

Defrauding the Government of funds might be better. But in all charges he has to find proof of criminal intent. The defence will certainly insist that its only intent was to follow the President's policies and objectives.

Mr Walsh might therefore confine charges to obstruction of justice.

Other avenues he could explore are: false statements under oath, Colonel North's receipt of an expensive security system for his home, and the fraudulent use of tax-exempt foundations to funnel money to the Contras.

Hope rises for future of paper

Paris — The group of 10 journalists fighting to keep the left-wing daily newspaper *Le Matin* alive, yesterday managed to raise the minimum £1 million needed and so won the French court's approval to take over running the newspaper (Susan MacDonald writes).

However, the tribunal noted that no one knew whether the new style *Le Matin* would find a market. The new management hope to raise a further £20 million francs by issuing shares and through bank loans.

Prison barge

New York (AP) — The New York city government is to lease Bibby Venture, a British barge used as a barracks in the Falklands War, to house 396 prisoners in an attempt to ease the city's crowded jails. The five-year lease will cost more than £11 million.

Gandhi acts

Delhi (AFP) — The Indian Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, has ordered an inquiry into charges of corruption, nepotism and misuse of power against his former Defence and Finance Minister, Mr Vishwanath Pratap Singh. He is alleged to have used his office to get his son a job in a foreign bank.

Flying high

Moscow (Reuters) — A light two-seat collapsible plane weighing 330lb that can take off in 50 yards and travel at 60 mph has been successfully tested near Moscow. It costs less than the cheapest Soviet car (£4,000).

Off games

Indianapolis (Reuters) — Eight athletes from the Dominican Republic — two cyclists, four weightlifters and two wrestlers — have abandoned the Pan American Games without competing and headed for New York to find work.

Code broken

Catania, Italy (AFP) — Italian police believe that the Sicilian Mafia has broken its own code of honour by shooting a woman. Three men murdered Signora Lucia Attanasio, aged 55, the wife of a mafioso.

Welcome home

Santiago (AFP) — The Chilean Government of General Augusto Pinochet has authorized the return of 21 exiles, including the author Ariel Dorfman and a former Socialist deputy, Señora Carmen Lazo. Señor Dorfman was arrested when he tried to return on August 2.

SPECTRUM

A solution for Central America — has the Costa Rican president achieved the impossible?

Making the peace fit

The President of Costa Rica shows the visitor the poetry he added as a final personal touch to the top of his Central American peace plan. The lines, by one of the lesser-known poets from this little-known country, read: "Voces tendidas y grávidas bien de esperanzas quieren la paz alegre para todos." "Resounding voices and great winds of hope want joyful peace for all." This flowery phrase reflects both his literary bent and his desire for the rest of the region.

As the architect of the peace plan, Dr Oscar Arias is attempting to export Costa Rica's domestic tranquility, neutrality and democracy to the rest of the region. The plan, which calls for a cessation of hostilities in Nicaragua and El Salvador and an end to outside interference in the region, is both an act of faith and a strategic manoeuvre intended to prevent the region's troubles from engulfing his historically unique country, often called the Switzerland of Central America.

Arias, aged 45, was educated in Britain but he is very much the embodiment of Costa Rica's strongest values and traditions. He is a staunch constitutional democrat and civil libertarian, an anti-communist and sharp critic of the leftist Sandinistas in Nicaragua. He has staffed his government mostly with equally intelligent ministers and advisers. He believes problems can be solved by rational discourse and dialogue, and is somewhat smug in his conviction that Costa Rica is the model for other Latin nations.

Despite its name — "rich coast" — Costa Rica had no important natural resources and was settled by Spanish homesteaders who grew coffee and evolved into a large middle class. It has had constitutional democracy and no capital punishment for more than a century.

The government abolished the army in 1948, horrified by the violence during the country's one, brief civil war. While its neighbours have poured millions into their militaries and suffered dictatorships and coups, Costa Rica has used its resources to build schools, hospitals, public transport and other social services. It has near universal literacy, a competent public health system, and the highest per capita income in Central America.

Arias was born in 1941, just as Costa Rica's social welfare system was beginning to be constructed. His mother comes from one of the wealthiest coffee growing families in the town of Heredia, the seat of the country's oldest university. His father came from a much poorer family but, through hard work and a

THE TIMES PROFILE

OSCAR ARIAS

good marriage rose, so the story goes, from rags to riches.

After a year and a half at Harvard Medical School, Arias returned to the University of Costa Rica to do degrees in law and economics. In 1967 he won a British Government scholarship to the London School of Economics and Essex University, obtaining a masters degree and, in 1974, a PhD in political science. His doctoral thesis was entitled "Who governs in Costa Rica?" Dr Arias never doubted that one day his name would be included.

"Since I was in my mother's womb," he once said, "I prepared myself for this." The quote underlines his fresher's photograph in the 1967 University of Costa Rica law school yearbook reads, "I'm studying to be president". Friends at Essex recall him self-assuredly discussing his presidential intentions.

Upon his return to Costa Rica he began a methodical climb towards this political pinnacle. He taught political science at the university, wrote a series of academic books and became a congressman from Heredia and then minister of planning in two governments. In 1979 and again in 1983 he was elected secretary general of the National Liberation Party, the more liberal of Costa Rica's two main parties, resigning in 1984 to begin his presidential campaign.

Just as he saw his studies as preparation for the presidency, so he saw his academic training as influencing his style of government. During his campaign he told a local newspaper: "My life has been academics, the university and politics. I would like to take with me into the political arena the rigour and honesty of the intellectual." This he has done, unlike his predecessor Luis Alberto Monge, a portly political wheeler-dealer who rose through union and party ranks. Monge came to office in 1982 just as the US-backed war in Nicaragua was thrusting insular Costa Rica for the first time into the international political arena.

Monge proclaimed a policy of neutrality and even sought, without success, to parlay this stance into a Nobel peace prize. But, as the



Latin jigsaw puzzle: can President Arias put all the pieces together?

Reagan-appointed Tower Commission and congressional and press investigations have revealed, Monge collaborated behind the scenes with US embassy officials and Colonel Oliver North's secret team to set up Contra operations in Costa Rica. In return, US aid to Costa Rica rose from a mere \$2 million in the late 1970s to a peak of more than \$300 million under Monge.

President Arias took office in May 1986 determined to win international recognition as a statesman

and peacemaker. His stubborn and straightforward enforcement of the policy of neutrality has led to an on-going, low-intensity political conflict with the Reagan administration. The day he took office, Arias closed a clandestine US-built Contra airstrip and has since regularly cracked down on Contra operations.

One indicator of the Reagan administration's displeasure is that US aid has been cut to \$87.7 million this year — and none of it has yet been dispersed.

BIOGRAPHY

1941: Born in Heredia, Costa Rica. Educated at University of Costa Rica, London School of Economics and Essex University.
1973: Married Margarita Penon, a biochemist.
1970-78: Minister of planning in two successive governments.
1978: Elected congressman.
1979: Elected secretary general of National Liberation Party.
1983: Resigned, to open presidential campaign.
1986: Inaugurated as president.

Additionally, John Biehl, Arias's closest political adviser and friend since their days at Essex, was recently forced under Reagan administration and US Republican party pressure to resign his United Nations post. However, Arias defiantly took Biehl, who was instrumental in drawing up the peace plan, to last week's Guatemala summit.

Arias stresses he is not anti-American and repeatedly reiterates Costa Rica's long-standing friendship and shared political philosophy with the US. But his British education has helped to make him more European in outlook than most Costa Ricans, who view Miami as the cultural, material and social Mecca.

As Costa Rica's youngest president, he describes himself as "representative of a new generation", in the populist style of John F. Kennedy, whom he admires and frequently quotes. His government includes some of Costa Rica's best and brightest, including an unusually high number of women.

In addition to Biehl, his closest confidants are said to be his brother Rodrigo, who is a minister and head of the cabinet, and his wife Margarita, a bright, politically-aware biochemist. Typically in Latin and Roman Catholic countries, a solid and attractive family helps in politics and Margarita and their two young children, Silvia and Oscar Felipe, often attend official functions.

Under the Costa Rican political system, a president cannot run for a second term, though he could stand after a four-year break. What Arias will do after 1990 remains uncertain, though some sort of international role is clearly a strong possibility. But for now his sights are focused clearly on the successful implementation of his peace plan, which may put his name permanently in history books.

Martha Honey

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Museology's past master

Kenneth Hudson has fashioned a rare profession out of a life-long obsession

His passport describes him as a "museologist". "I've written and lectured my way around the world's museums," Kenneth Hudson explains. "So whatever a museologist is I'm it."

That passport is a much-thumbed document, for in the past 25 years Hudson has visited roughly 5,000 of the world's 40,000 museums. Today sees the publication of his 52nd book, *Museums of Influence*, and at 70 there is no sign of his wanderings ending.

Once, Hudson was an academic, teaching industrial history at Bristol University, before joining the BBC in the early 1950s. Then he met Jacob Bronowski, author of *The Ascent of Man*. "We were talking around by the fire at midnight, and we got on to money," Hudson says. "He said that was the one thing you must never worry about: do what you want to do and if you need more money just go out and earn it. It seemed so simple."

Hudson left the BBC, and plunged into industrial archaeology, writing a successful book on the subject. Then, after another spell of university teaching, he devoted all his time to museums, "because no one else was doing it".

That was in 1971, and immediately Unesco commissioned Hudson — who speaks every European language except Greek — to go round the world for two years investigating, as they put it, "forward-looking ideas in museums". The book that came out of that journey, *Museums in the Eighties*, was published in 1977, two years after Hudson's massive international *Directory of Museums*, which is updated every five years.



Museum-watcher: Kenneth Hudson, still going strong at 70

Museums of Influence is his eighth specifically about museums. "It occurred to me that there must have been certain key museums which influenced the way people thought about them. It came down to 37."

Tied down by the business of writing (in longhand), he has been to only eight countries in the past 12 months, but in the next 12 he will return to all 14 mentioned in the book, lecturing on it.

His top 10 museums would include two from Britain — Beames Museum (currently European Museum of the Year) and Ironbridge (a former winner). These are the only British winners since Hudson founded the competition 10 years ago.

The others would be in Greece, West Germany, Israel, Sweden, France, the United States, Tanzania and the Netherlands, where he found his favourite, the Northern Animal Park at Emmen. "It's the only place which has bleated living creatures with exhibitions," he says.

The most worrying trend he has come across was at the Chicago Museum of Science and Technology, where all the exhibits are sponsored. "It meant that each one was beyond criticism, everything was 'total progress'."

He has a particularly soft spot for one museum that is not in the book — Quarry Bank Mill at Styal, Cheshire. "I always find something new," he says, "and the atmosphere is always pleasant."

Simon Tait

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Colin Shephard

Shortest haul of them all

As soon as the aeroplane shuttling between two Orkney islands takes off, it lands again

"Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome aboard. Please fasten your seat belts. Our flight time will be approximately two minutes..." Pilot Ed Bewley gave the aeroplane full throttle, and we bounced across the hummocky field. Then we were off, on the world's shortest scheduled flight, over a distance far less than the main 12,000 feet runways at Heathrow.

On this occasion Loganair flight LC620 carried its four passengers between the Orkney Isles of Papa Westray and its big brother, Westray, in a minute and 27 seconds. Not long ago, on a day with perfect wind conditions, the flight was completed in less than a minute.

Loganair flies between Papa Westray and Westray on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The fare is £6.90 and the direction the plane takes is largely determined by how many passengers want to get on at which island. On LC620, it was even: two for Westray, two for "Papee", as the tiny dot across the Papa Sound is known locally.

Bewley, who gave up the "glamour" of flying British Airways' big jets to move north, had flown us up from Kirkwall, capital of the Orkneys, and departure point for all the inter-island flights. At the check-in desk, the Loganair lady had pointed to an old-fashioned set of scales. I explained I had no luggage and would be back within the hour. "Oh no dear, it's you I want to weigh," she said.

Twelve minutes after leaving Kirkwall we had landed at Papee, to be met by the efficient Bobby and David Rendall, with their fire tender — a tractor, towing a 60-gallon hose. That, four hand-held extinguishers, and a rather curious screw-together Neptune's trident-like grappling hook, make up the bulk of their safety equipment.

The Rendalls have been meeting their three weekly flights for a couple of years. "We've never been needed, thank goodness," Bobby says.

The only indications that Papa Westray is anything other than just another Orkney field are the "terminal building" — a shed for suitcases and the tractor's trailer — a rather moth-eaten red and white fence bridging gaps in a hedge to give the pilot some approach guidance, and two Portaloos.

But this is hallowed ground for people the world over. These are the "list nuts" who pore over the Bible of flying, *ABC World Airways Guide*, hunting the shortest route between Westray and Orkney, or the most direct between Norwich and Tonga.

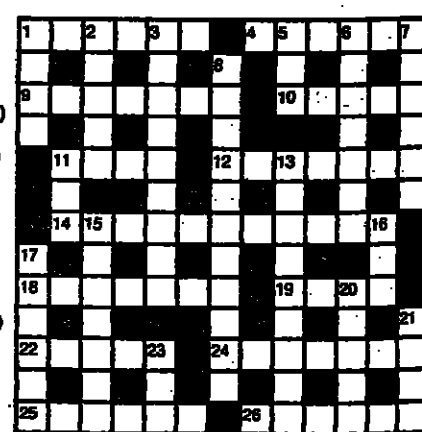
Back at the Loganair flight operations room, station manager Bob Tullock said: "We used to have the world's second-shortest route as well, between Eday and Stronsay. It took five minutes. We lost that to an outfit in Papua New Guinea."

Donald Higgs

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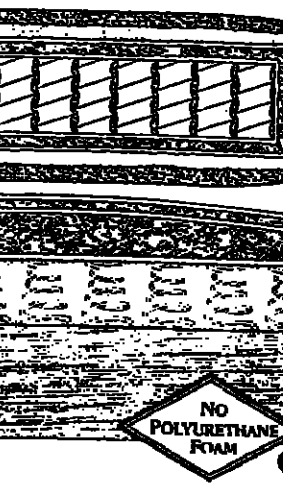
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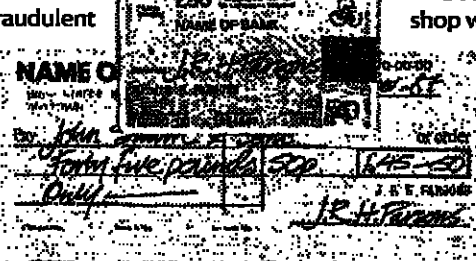
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HEALTH

Coping with catastrophe

We all wonder
how we would
behave in an
emergency.
Victoria McKee
discovers the
difficulties of
predicting who
will be a hero

The more we read about those who survived disasters with their dignity intact — or those who died selflessly saving others, like the two British Airways stewardesses posthumously awarded the Queen's Gallantry medal — the more we wonder and worry about how we would behave in similarly horrific circumstances.

The recent mass tragedies of the Bradford football ground fire, the Manchester airport disaster and the sinking of the Herald of Free Enterprise seemed particularly horrific because they involved families. "There but for the grace of God..." is the unspoken thought. "What would I have done?" the nagging question.

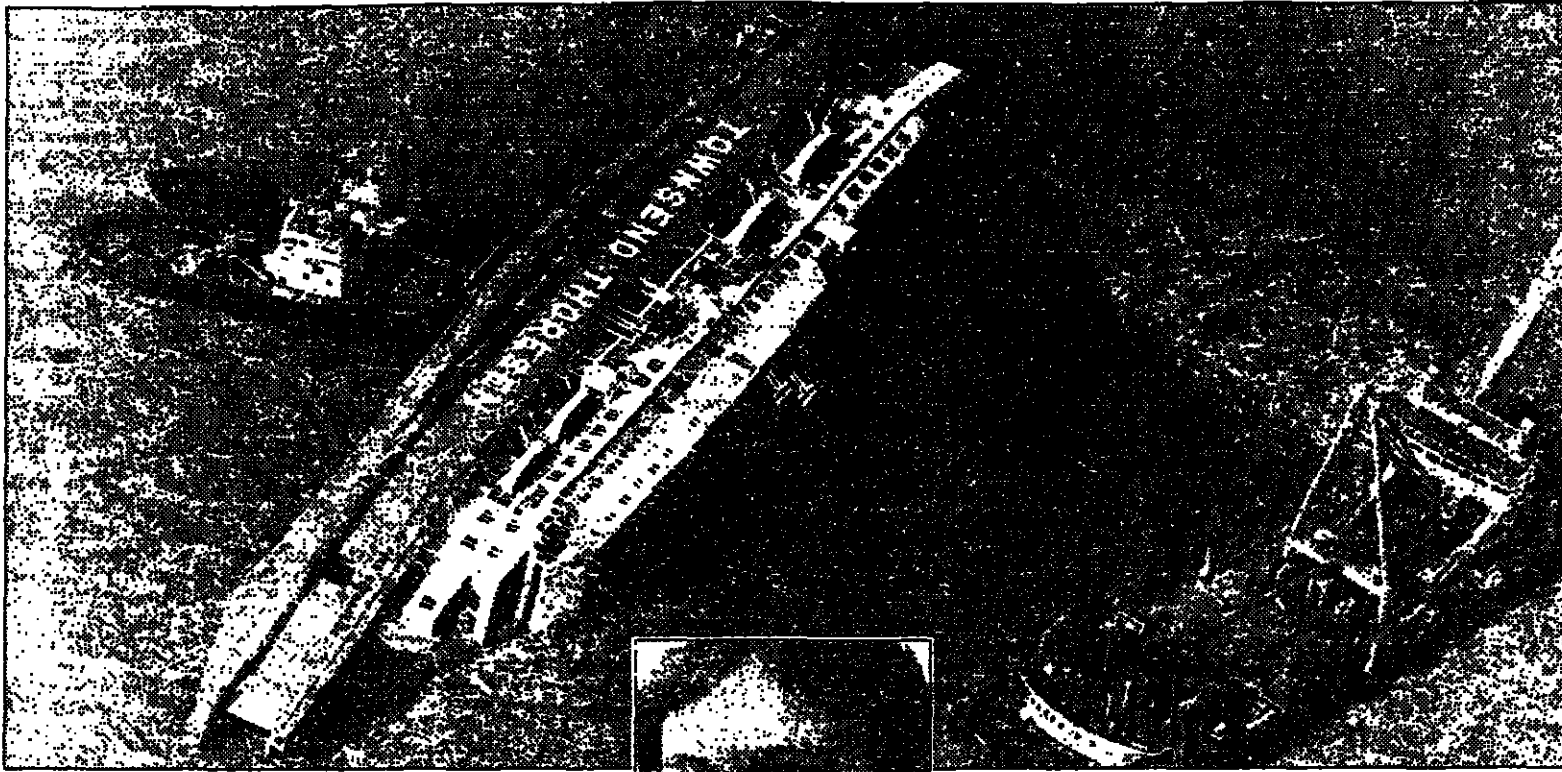
The child who saw its parents pushed underwater by frantic ferry passengers desperate to escape the Zeebrugge carnage remains as strong an image as that of Andrew Parker, the man who turned his body into a bridge to let others walk over him to safety.

Many of us may suspect that our instinct for self-preservation is stronger than the bravery required to be a hero, but is the way in which we behave in life-threatening emergencies a question of instinct or training, character or social conditioning?

Military and civilian psychologists agree that it is almost impossible to identify in advance who will play the hero and who will be cast as the coward.

Dr James Thompson, senior lecturer in psychology at the University of London, at the British Psychological Society's parliamentary representative, is an expert on panic and will present to MPs a paper on the aftermath of disasters. He says categorically that "one can't assume that the person who elbows people out of the way in the supermarket will be the one to do so in a disaster".

You might draw comfort from his belief, backed by evidence, that it is not so much who you are as where



you are in a crisis that determines your behaviour.

"Whether you're on your own or with your family, towards the centre of the fire or on the periphery, with or without your glasses — all can have great bearing on your actions," Dr Thompson explains. "Take the Bradford fire. The people on the outskirts behaved quite rationally and helped others, but those who were trapped at the back trampled over each other in their panic to escape. What else could they do?"

At such times the most basic, primitive instincts



British people have become too passive
James Thompson, psychologist

come out: our animal fears of fire, water, claustrophobia — and the adrenalin flows, preparing us for fight or flight. Parental instincts in both sexes become powerful: one of the strongest images to surface after the Zeebrugge tragedy was of the father who dragged

his baby daughter to safety in his teeth.

There is no discernible difference, experts agree, between the way men and women react in a disaster. But Dr Thompson has observed that women are more willing to heed warnings.

Some national characteristics appear to come into play at times of severe stress. "People have learnt too great a degree of passivity in Britain today," Dr Thompson warns.

Vital seconds are often lost, he says, between the crash-landing of a plane and its explosion during which passengers sit numbly waiting for instructions. "One man in the Manchester disaster pushed his way out with his family while others just sat there."

Yet the very passivity which Dr Thompson condemns is commended by the London Fire Brigade as making their job easier. Martin Kitchen, deputy training officer for the brigade, observed: "Sometimes people don't realize that they can remain near an open window for as long as they can, and wait until we arrive. All they're looking for is an authoritative voice to reassure them and say 'stay where you are, don't do anything dramatic'."

Dr Thompson is not so sure.

"In some situations, such as fire, people have been so conditioned to wait for authority that they simply don't try to fight or get out themselves. We should teach people to evaluate situations and come to decisions quickly," he asserts.



It surprised me that so many of the men were just thinking of themselves
Andrew Parker, Zeebrugge hero

First, says Dr Thompson, we must come to a proper understanding of the definition of panic.

In an enclosed space such as an aircraft or cinema, running might well be a panic reaction. But in an open space it is undoubtedly the sensible course to take. "Better to run and feel a bit silly afterwards than to stick around in a potentially dangerous situation," he advises. However, the military and emergency services could not operate without believing in the effectiveness of training people to override the panic button. A senior spokesman for the Ministry of Defence said: "The 'training effect' is extremely powerful. The parachute training school would boast that very few of their territorial army (civilian) trainees have refused to jump through fear, and you will find that policemen, firemen and nurses react like policemen, firemen and nurses even when off-duty."

But there are other factors,

such as whether or not people are in groups or families. In the Zeebrugge tragedy it was noted that families tended to survive or perish together, for reasons that seemed to go beyond their position in the ferry. "You cannot spot in advance which trained soldier will be overwhelmed by stress," said the Ministry spokesman.

Martin Kitchen talks of the need to "channel aggression" constructively in an emergency.

"Most people don't realise their capacity," he explained. "I've known individuals lift one side of a car — enough to slide somebody out from underneath. With our firefighters we encourage an aggressive attitude to adversity; we teach them how to make the best use of the adrenalin so that when they need a burst of energy they can summon it up."

For survivors, guilt can be almost as unbearable as grief. "The guilt is irrational, largely because you've survived and others haven't," says Dr

Thompson. "Later you always think there's something you could have done that you didn't. Survivors can remember the sounds of the disaster and the cries of people asking for help for the rest of their lives."

He believes it is vital to contact all the survivors of disasters of this magnitude and will be making a case to MPs for a general support system to help social services deal with the "post-stress syndrome".

Dr Thompson has some calm and comforting thoughts on panic for those who suspect they would trample over their own grandmother to get to safety.

"If you jump out and pull your parachute cord, that's not panic. Running out the correct exit is not panic."

"While there is still a margin for safety, time to think, some people may react bravely but when the disaster is happening almost everybody panics and all their training goes out the window."

MEDICAL BRIEFING
Sunshine illness

The attack of meningitis which cut short a visit by the Queen of the Netherlands to the Mediterranean was due — as are three quarters of all cases of the disease — to a virus. Viral meningitis is much less dangerous than bacterial meningitis, of which there has been a recent outbreak in the south west.

Most cases of viral meningitis start with symptoms of a cold or an upset tummy, and since up to half the cases are due to mumps the patient may also notice swelling of the salivary glands, or pain from the pancreas, testicles or ovaries. Later the typical symptoms of meningitis develop: headache, neck stiffness, dislike of light, vomiting and irritability. Very occasionally symptoms of meningitis in mumps precedes other symptoms.

The other common causes of viral meningitis are the Echo and Coxsackie viruses which, since they are spread by sewage, often follow the eating of food either inadequately washed or unhygienically served. These forms occur more often in hot, sunny weather and are therefore prevalent in holiday areas.

In the past it was difficult to be certain that a case of meningitis had been caused by a virus... the diagnosis usually had to be made by excluding bacterial meningitis. This is still an essential step but a firm diagnosis of a viral attack can now often be made by measuring the alpha-interferon level in the cerebrospinal fluid, or by testing the blood for antibodies to Echo and Coxsackie viruses.

Nagging ache

The amount of publicity given this week to the link between arthritis and lovemaking has amazed doctors who are familiar with Reiter's disease, a form of arthritis first described 211 years ago. But the association between a sexually transmitted organism, chlamydia, and arthritis, urethritis and conjunctivitis always attracts headlines, and presumably more research funds.

Essentially, the disease follows infection in a susceptible patient with either chlamydia or one of the gut organisms, bacillary dysentery, salmonella or yersiniosis. Patients whose Reiter's disease was caused by a dysentery organism may now find it hard to convince their neighbours that it was the nasty attack of holiday diarrhoea which is responsible for their troubles, not an illicit relationship.

Post-dysenteric Reiter's disease was first described in 1776, its association with sexually transmitted urethritis was noted in 1818 and Reiter did his research work on the disease in 1916, when the lack of hygiene in the trenches gave rise to post-dysenteric cases.

As well as ser-negative arthritis, patients can suffer conjunctivitis and sometimes more serious and more persistent eye inflammation. There is also a danger of skin diseases, including one which affects the soles of the feet or palms of the hand, and which, in severe cases, can leave the skin hanging in shreds.

Danger warning

As the advantages of hormone replacement for menopausal women become apparent, more research is going on to reduce the risk of the treatment causing one type of cancer of the uterus. When oestrogens are given, progesterone must also be prescribed. A report in the *British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology* points out the danger of giving too little progesterone too infrequently. Amazingly, doses of progesterone are inadequate in some preparatory preparations. One, Prempak, contains dangerously low quantities. Although it has been replaced with the safer Prempak C, Prempak is still available and, presumably, being prescribed by doctors.

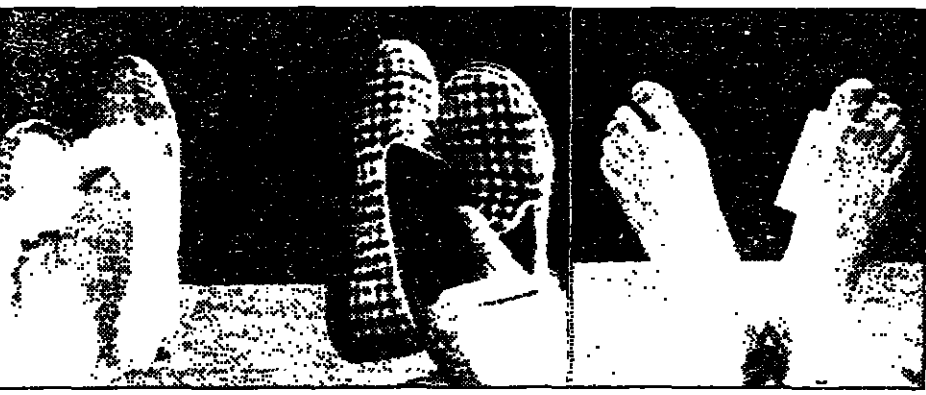
Dr Thomas Stuttford

Take heart by taking care

Can a new campaign
against coronary
disease convince us
that it doesn't have to
be hell to be healthy?

When you've gotta go, you've gotta go, was the standard response when researchers from the Abbott Mead Vickers advertising agency asked people how they rated their chances of dying from heart disease. Yet it was also clear that most of them knew it to be the country's number one killer, and almost everyone was aware that the risks could be reduced.

This apparent contradiction was the starting point of the long process of debate and planning that took place after the Health Education Authority briefed the agency to produce an advertising campaign encouraging people to



Put your feet up at your peril: the television message designed to shock us into action

"Look after your heart". The aim was to increase public awareness of the risks associated with coronary heart disease and how they could be reduced.

The agency decided to talk to the target audience, organizing discussion groups throughout the country comprising men and women of different ages and lifestyles. Two specific attitudes

emerged. At one end were the cynics, who lacked the motivation to improve the way they lived. Others, labelled by the agency as "triers", had heeded the risks associated with poor diet and lack of exercise, but many had received insufficient guidance. The campaign had to reach both cynics and triers, convincing them that poor diet, smoking and lack of exercise were important contributory factors to heart disease, and making them want to improve their lifestyle.

Unfortunately, many believed that modifications to diet, an increase in physical exercise and giving up smoking were unacceptable sacrifices. It was clear that the role of advertising had to be turned to changing attitudes.

The other essential ingredients of the campaign were to shock people out of their complacency and to provide suggestions and advice. "It doesn't have to be hell to be healthy", became the punch-line to the agency's television commercials — which will be shown from Monday — and the headline to the poster campaign. For the shock element, the team devised some macabre images — a pickled heart in a laboratory jar, a coffin being lowered into a grave, the labelled feet of a corpse in a mortuary. Most of these had to be toned down, however, after they failed to

meet television advertising regulations.

No such problems existed with the positive side of the campaign, seeking to show that food could be cooked deliciously without the frying-pan, that exercise could be enjoyable, and providing a reminder of the benefits of not smoking. The audience welcomed the suggestion that healthy living does not mean an excruciating exercise regime and a diet of lentils and lettuce.

Interestingly, many older women claimed that their husbands would reject any changes in their food. The men, on the other hand, claimed that they ate whatever "appeared" on the table.

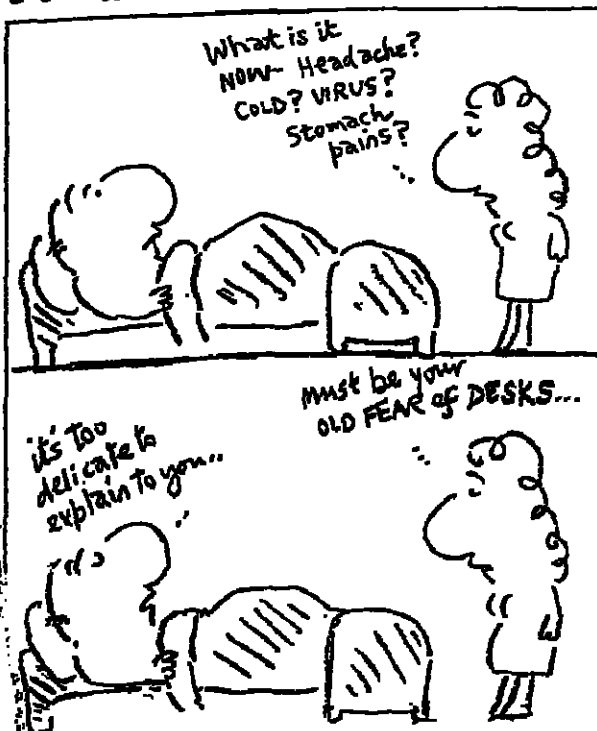
There was considerable ignorance about what were "good" and "bad" foods in terms of a healthy heart.

Men responded more positively than women to the message about exercise. They recognized themselves in the commercials as the idle characters with their feet up, watching the television.

Following Monday's launch of the television campaign, public attitudes to the prevention of heart disease will be monitored regularly to find to what extent the advertising is achieving its objectives.

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THE TIMES DIARY

Tehran tours

The Chartered Institute of Building, preparing for its international symposium next month, has been puzzled by the enthusiastic response from Iran. Tehran's Syndicate of Construction Companies has applied on behalf of no fewer than 13 of its members. Its letter adds guilelessly: "We would be obliged if you could kindly provide us with the necessary entry visa (sic)." Julian Barlow, from the institute, points out: "Even the United States is only sending about four representatives — and they're not all coming from the same place; two are from Ohio and the others from the American army." I fear the 13 builders will be disappointed. Deeply suspicious, the Home Office telephoned them to say there are no short cuts to getting visas. Since our caretaker embassy staff came home in June, applications can only be made through a British consulate outside Iran.

Hansard hazard

The Commons Commission, whose mits twitch over the House's pious strings, has just set on an expansionist plan dreamt up by Hansard. The Department of the Official Report, which produces the daily record of proceedings, wanted to produce an official Bumper Fun Book of the Commons. The *Hansard Year Book* would feature a day-by-day list of subjects tackled in the House and reproduce in full seven or eight key debates. Though the plan involved the Commons library guaranteeing to buy 600 copies at £37 each, it last year won the support of the services committee. But now — with what looks like a blinding flash of perception — the commission, under Speaker Weatherill's chairmanship, has concluded that the Commons Annual would not be "sufficiently useful or saleable to justify the cost".

Merger mania

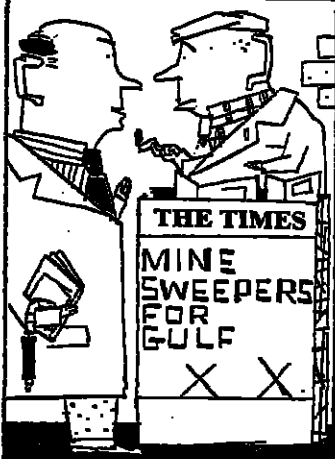
A subplot in the SDP's disintegration drama reaches its climax on Sunday when Peter Dunphy fights to retain his chairmanship of the Young Social Democrats at its national committee meeting. Last month a vote was passed seeking his resignation, officially because of the collapse of the organization's regional structure. Dunphy, now back from holiday, suspects an anti-merger plot. Yesterday, he said his supporters had missed the meeting that voted him down and that he retains the support of most of the committee. "Three of the five who voted against me are against merger. I intend to present the pro-merger case at the conference and begin negotiations with the Young Liberals. Those who disagree will presumably have to join David Owen." What is it about the thought of a junior supporters league for Dr Owen that fills me with dread?

● Culture vultures who descend on Edinburgh only to find the best Festival shows have sold out need not despair. Comedian Peter McCarthy is offering to bring his one-man show to them. Ideally, McCarthy needs a living room, kitchen and bathroom for his show — but a hotel suite will do.

Theatre of life

A sure gauge of the preoccupations of our times is the Edinburgh Fringe. Last year it was glutted with Aids dramas. This year more plays tackle the themes of imprisonment and justice (from the Birmingham bombing convictions to Broadmoor) than any other issue. Running the theme close is a post-*Childwatch*, if not post-Cleveland, concern with child abuse. By my count at least four plays centre on the issue and others touch it peripherally.

BARRY FANTONI



"Something for Richard Branson's clean-up boys?"

Play for today

Angela Carter, it seems, is not high on the reading lists of members of the British Guild of Toy-makers. Asked to contribute toys for the film adaptation of her novel, *The Magic Toyshop*, they assumed in all innocence that it was a children's film for Christmas. Why not cash in, they reasoned, by displaying the toys used in the film before the hordes of avaricious children expected at their annual toy fair in January? At this point, the film's producers at Granada explained more fully about the work, namely that it is "an adult sexual fantasy". A rather embarrassed spokesman, Robert Nathan, added: "After that we decided to leave well alone."

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Robert Fisk on the fears of the Arab states fringing the Gulf conflict

A bad war for bystanders

Dubai

The Gulf Arab states have been sheltered for years against the realities around them: air-conditioned, with their enormous oil wealth from the Third World poverty that would otherwise nurture revolution amid the desert clans; conditioned by superpower support into ignoring the gale-force wind of political change that has been sweeping the Islamic world.

Only when there is a sudden, violent earthquake in their midst — a bloodbath among pilgrims in Mecca, an attempt to assassinate the Emir of Kuwait, the discovery of mines in the Gulf of Oman — has the sense of well-being been suddenly jolted, like a sleeper awakened from a dream.

Only in Kuwait, where the seafaring windows do literally shake in their frames when the Iranian artillery across the bay on the Fao peninsula fire into the Iraqi lines, has sleep been fitful these past few years. Growing subversion against the legitimate government — first by foreign Shia Muslims from the Iraqi opposition "Dawa" party and by Lebanese Islamic "Jihad" extremists, then by Shias from Kuwaiti families — has now reached such proportions that a new and draconian law has been introduced: anyone found guilty of a subversive act, whose family were not Kuwaiti citizens as far back as 1920, will lose citizenship.

Kuwait's problems are, sadly, largely of its own making. To cope with its rapidly increasing oil production, industrialization and wealth, it allowed so many foreigners into the country that — according to the latest statistics from the Kuwaiti Ministry of Planning — 60 per cent of the entire population are expatriates. Most economic activities in the state could not even exist without this workforce since one quarter of the national labour market is still illiterate. Of the 750,000 citizens, a minority in their own country, between 15 and 30 per cent are Shias. It would be difficult to discover a more dangerous equation along the Arab Gulf coast.

Bahrain, which sensibly limited its expatriates in the early years of its independence, nevertheless has a large indigenous Shia popula-



Life goes on in Kuwait, but more than in other states, tension is rising

tion, perhaps 60 per cent of its 350,000 citizens, while Saudi Arabia's minority Shia population lives in the very eastern provinces from which the country has obtained its oil.

Shi'ism in the Arab Gulf states should not be seen as tantamount to political dissent, but there is not one Arab leader here who does not realize — as the Iranians themselves constantly remind their co-religionists — that in almost all the oil producing areas of the region, in Southern Iraq, in Kuwait, in Saudi Arabia, there are large Shia populations.

This is the salient fact which dominates so many of the discussions between the Arab sheikdoms. Iran's continued appeal to a population which can, in tens of thousands of cases, trace its family roots back to Persia, is all the more powerful when traditional Shia resentment of betrayal and oppression are reinforced by an Arab policy of near-open reliance upon America for survival.

That the Arab Gulf states could quite happily survive without Washington's political support is not the point. What has happened is that the presence of the Americans in the Gulf, their belligerent new posture towards Iraq, has emerged as the ultimate protector of the Gulf states, albeit that some of those nations — like the United Arab Emirates — do not need such

assistance and maintain close and cordial relations with Iran. Did not President Reagan explain his policy of allowing the Kuwaitis to re-register 11 of their tankers in the United States as supporting "America's friends in the region"? And it was, after all, the Kuwaiti Government which had initially sought US re-flagging when it saw some advantage in procuring US support at a time of rising internal dissent.

If American prestige — and in particular, American naval power — is thus to be the yardstick of the Arab states' protection, it has got to prove effective. For, if it is humiliated, this failure will reflect with even greater effect upon the small, economically sound but politically vulnerable Gulf nations. A sudden withdrawal of the Americans, or an abrupt US inability to achieve any of its policy aims in the region, will weaken



some of these nations to a degree that could never have occurred if Washington had not involved itself in the Gulf war in the first place.

The Saudis and the Kuwaitis have, naturally, tried to distance themselves from US policy, officially refusing US naval escorts permission to enter Kuwait port or to offer minehunters for operations in international Gulf waters. But the populations of the Arab states are well aware of the close relationship with Washington. Saudi jet fighters are now spreading their reconnaissance flights far over the Gulf, while the US-operated Awacs surveillance aircraft now cover not just the southern Gulf but much Arab territory as well, passing on their information to other Gulf Cooperation Council states.

The Awacs are flying higher — with a broader radius of surveillance capability — and more frequently from their main base outside Jeddah. The Western naval vessels putting into Gulf ports are becoming more obvious. US and French naval personnel are now a common sight in the restaurants and hotels of Bahrain. The arrival of British and French minehunters will only increase this atmosphere of "allied" assistance.

Optimists may take comfort from Iran's increased isolation: what else but fear, they ask, has prompted Tehran Radio to make such cloying references to Moscow this week, referring to the Soviet Union as Iran's "natural ally"? But the Arab states of the Gulf — aware that Iraq could yet fall to Iran whatever the US may do — are taking out their own insurance policy on the immediate future.

The fear of a US conflict in the Gulf and a subsequent closure of the Strait of Hormuz has already prompted them to stockpile oil in tankers in the Indian Ocean, far away from the new mine fields off Fujairah. Last month, there were 200 tankers anchored off the port: yesterday there were scarcely 20.

Contacts between Saudi Arabia and Iran have been maintained between the foreign ministries of the two countries, despite the seizure of the Saudi embassy in Tehran. The Emirates continue to host Iranian diplomats. Nobody wishes to be a sleep walker in the coming, dangerous weeks.

Beginning a two-part series on the 40th anniversary of Indian independence,

Elie Kedourie challenges Britain's memory of a skilful transfer of power

Ragged end of the Raj

The British demission of power in India on August 15 1947 has gained an aura of virtue and goodwill. This is in contrast with the impression created by two similar withdrawals: from Palestine in 1948, which immediately unleashed a regional conflict still to be settled, and from Aden 20 years later, which left a shambles where armed political sects fought over the broken body of the colony and the protectorates.

In India, on the stroke of midnight on August 14, there was a seemingly orderly transfer of power, carried out according to law and in obedience to the popular wish. The chief executive and performer in this drama was a young viceroy who breathed progressive decisiveness. He and the vicereine were a handsome couple who combined glamour and aristocratic descent with a modish leftishness.

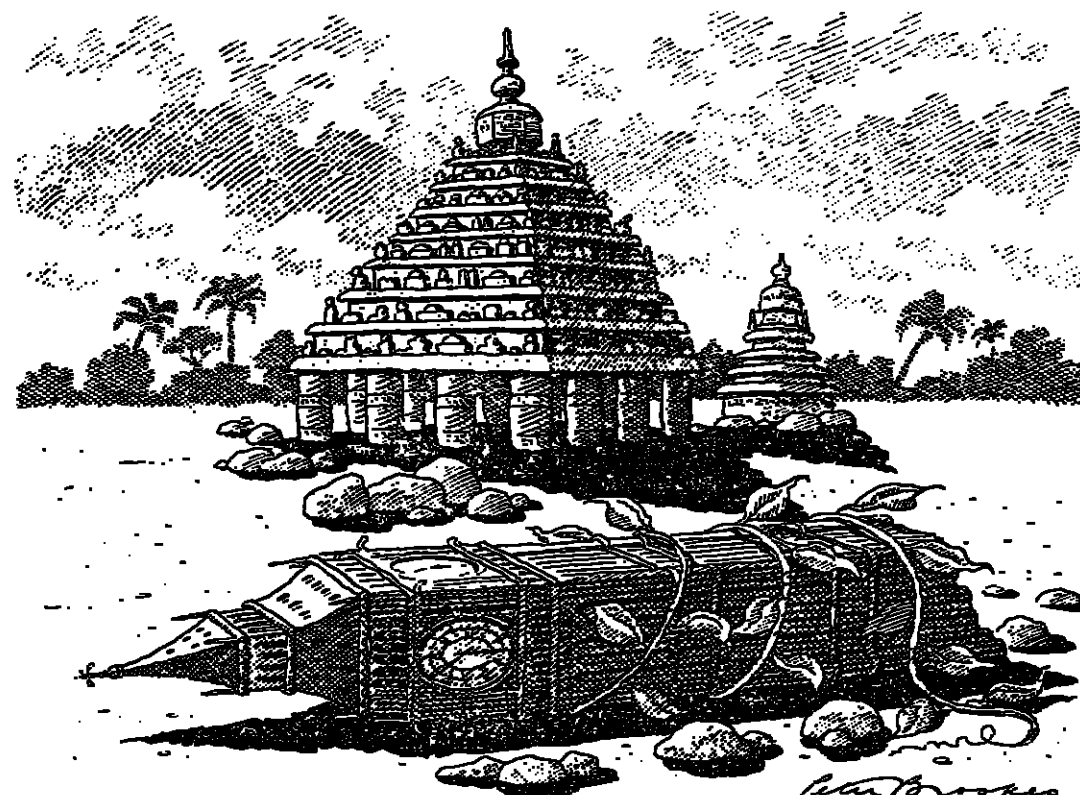
The supporting cast was scarcely less striking: Mahatma Gandhi with his high-minded and bizarre discourses; Pandit Nehru, not less romantic than Mountbatten, cultured and articulate, one of those aristocratic radicals who make an occasional appearance in English politics to take on the role of the people's tribune; even Jinnah, with his gaunt and severe appearance, his cantankerousness and his unbending stance, seemed the necessary foil to bring out and set off such profuse goodwill. And in the remote distance, presiding over the rituals, Mr Attlee, the two syllables of whose name betokened brisk firmness in the service of mild benevolence.

The reality, however, was somewhat different from the pageant and its colourful participants. As in Palestine and Aden, the removal of British rule signalled the outbreak of civil strife and disorder. There was great loss of life and property, with millions made destitute refugees, chiefly in the Punjab but also elsewhere.

Responsibility for this disaster must lie heavy on Attlee, Mountbatten, Nehru and Jinnah. Mountbatten decreed in June 1947 that British rule would end no later than the middle of the following August, when two successor states, India and Pakistan, would assume power. Attlee approved the decision.

But the unitary Indian Army could not possibly, in the time remaining, be divided into two forces efficient and able to deal with communal disorder. A Punjab Boundary Force hastily put together was much too small to cope. The six brigades of British troops in India were forbidden to intervene to quell disorder or save lives. This was the order of the British government but also the wish of both Nehru and Jinnah.

These decisions were taken in the knowledge that great trouble was impending. There has been since no lack of voices eager to argue that different decisions would have made no difference to



the dismal outcome. One wonders how they can possibly know.

But Britain did relinquish its power, and two sovereign states emerged: one free, one ruled by the Indian sub-continent. Partition was the consequence of the inflexible demand for an independent Muslim state. But the Pakistan which emerged in 1947 by no means included all the Indian Muslims. Large numbers remained in India. Pakistan itself had to be truncated into two wings separated by a vast expanse of Indian territory.

It was not only a question of physical distance, the ethos, the language, the needs were quite different. East Bengal, the eastern wing of Pakistan, felt isolated from the centre of power in the west, its interests and claims ignored. It came, in 1972, to civil war and secession, and a new Muslim state created through the active intervention of the Indian army against the army of Pakistan. Pakistan as originally set up thus did not last for more than a quarter of a century.

But not only did the 1947 partition not survive in its original shape, it also did not still the mutual fear and suspicion between Hindus and Muslims. This has serious consequences not only within the sub-continent, now divided between three mutually suspicious states, which abuts on one of the superpowers and on a potentially formidable China.

This is alarming, since mutual rivalries and suspicions in the sub-continent must make it easier for the neighbouring powers to the north to increase their ability to intervene and enlarge their influence and position.

Since 1947 both Pakistan and Bangladesh have suffered from political instability and successive

military coups. This was certainly not contemplated or expected in 1947. It was assumed — on what grounds remains obscure — that responsible parliamentary government as practised in Great Britain, and inaugurated in India by the Government of India Act of 1935, would remain the norm.

To call this a serious misjudgement is not an exercise of hindsight. For where in India in 1935 were to be found the informed voters, the balancing of interests, the spirit of compromise, the cohesion of the body politic, which would neutralize the ravages likely to be wrought on such a society by the doctrine of one man, one vote.

Pakistan was founded as a Muslim state, to enable Indian Muslims to lead lives free from the fear of being dominated or absorbed by the Hindus. Its founders, however, were imbued with Western ideals in economic, political and cultural matters. They saw no conflict between Islam and these ideals. Gradually, however, and particularly since the present regime came to power, it has come to be emphasized by influential religious and political leaders that Muslim ideals and Western ones are incompatible and antithetical.

The goal has become not simply a Muslim state, but one which functions according to the norms of the Koran, of the Prophet and his immediate successors. To aspire to remake in this image a sophisticated and complex society long exposed to Western norms and ways in legal, economic and social relations, must seem an audacious and perhaps perilous ambition.

India has not had to cope with such a religious predicament, or suffer the hazards of military

despotism. But if one were to ask whether the great benefits hoped for from independence have been realized, one would be truly perplexed for an answer. The decades of Congress rule since 1947 have not manifestly resulted in greater efficiency or prosperity. Rather, over-ambitious dirigisme has caught individual energy and enterprise in coil upon coil of regulation, bureaucracy and jobbery.

The old communal tension between Hindus and Muslims has been replaced by tensions no less acute, of which the most dangerous is that between Hindus and Sikhs. It is not manifest that an Indian prime minister is better able to cope with such conflicts than a British Viceroy.

On *Liberty and Representative Government* have not turned out to be the bible by whose light the fathers of the independence movement thought the path of Indian politics would be lighted. The surprise would have been if it had proved otherwise. Indian society has immense reserves of inertia and passivity with which to swallow, absorb and digest into oblivion a hundred John Stuart Mills, so that the Westminster model, federalist frills and all, has over the decades assumed strange and exotic shapes difficult for its authors to reconcile with the original vision.

Given that outside its native home the model can be, and has so often been, made to serve despotic purposes, it may be for the best that it has been smothered in the baroque decorative profusion of an Indian temple.

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Tomorrow:
An Indian view

Lord Hailsham

Breaking the legal log jam

In his recent speech to the judges assembled at the Mansion House the Lord Chief Justice claimed that the remedy for delays in civil courts was fairly simple. Build more courts, he claimed, and appoint more judges, and your troubles are effectively at an end.

Obviously, in so far as delays occur after the parties are ready for trial and before they reach court there is something to be said for this robust and common-sense approach. Even so, the prescription avails only provided that certain conditions are fulfilled. These are, first, that there is available an indefinitely large number of members of the legal profession of the requisite quality ready and willing, in the case of High Court judges almost always, and in the case of Circuit judges often enough, to take a cut in income of some thousands of pounds a year to gain the prestige and pension which go with a seat on the bench and to play a part in the administration of civil justice; and, in the case of the Queen's Bench and Family Division judges, criminal justice as well.

It also implies Treasury consent to the increase in the permanent establishment and, in the case of the High Court, a debate followed by a positive resolution in each House of Parliament. Even assuming that these conditions can be satisfied, the remedy proposed also assumes the availability of sites, usually near the centres of cities and subject to planning permission, suitable for modern courts, and purchasable at what our financial advisers consider a reasonable price, and agreed by the Treasury. The fulfilment of these conditions cannot always be assumed, particularly with sites in or near central London.

The fact of the matter is, however, that delay in the interval between setting a case down as ready for trial, and reaching an actual date for the hearing, had as it is and getting worse (somewhere between two and three years in the important Commercial Court) is not the only avoidable cause of delay in the hearing of civil cases. I say nothing of the impact of the constant growth of Criminal business, and consequent delays in the Crown Court, on the availability of judges for civil cases. There remain also the questions of delay by one or both of the parties in securing readiness for trial, the growing increase in the time required for a full hearing in court, and the possibility of even further delay occasioned by any appeal. It is obvious that unnecessary delays due to any of these causes are not only unacceptable in principle, but also bring the whole administration of justice into disrepute.

That these delays are often avoidable can be shown by a single example. Until almost the end of the day it took six to 10 weeks to draw up the order of a judge in the Chancery Division of the High Court. A few technical changes

were made, and this period, not without resistance from various members of the profession, has been reduced to five days.

It was with these ideas in my mind that I proposed, and ultimately secured, the appointment under the chairmanship of Sir Maurice Hodgson and about nine colleagues, of the Civil Justice Review designed to reduce avoidable delay, inefficiency and expense in the administration of civil justice. The enterprise was greeted with scepticism, in view of the past success of such inquiries, and some said that the review would take too long. In fact, in the past two years six consultative papers have been issued, the last and final paper dealing with general issues.

On the whole, previous exercises in the same field have been largely in the hands of professional lawyers, notably the extremely useful Law Reform Committee, and some of these, like the admirable report on Occupiers' Liability, largely the work of the late Lord Diplock, achieved notable results. Others, like the Winn and Cantley inquiries in the field of personal injuries made acceptable but modest changes.

Nevertheless the constant effort since 1970 to find suitable judges to fill existing vacancies and make additional appointments and to find and construct new sites for modern court complexes is not enough. A fresh look into some of our traditional practices is surely required. Are the periods of limitation and for service of process too long, or in some cases too short? Is too much time wasted on interlocutory procedures? Should parties be encouraged or constrained to identify the real matters of contention and to disclose more of their evidence in advance? Is too much court time taken up in the reading of documents which might have been read by the judge before the beginning of the trial? Does the procedure in the now virtually defunct, save in defamation cases, civil jury still influence too much the procedure in non-jury trials? Ought the courts to take a more active part in encouraging the dispatch of business? Is there too much orality generally in our court procedures?

These are only some of the questions requiring answers which cannot simply be evaded by facile (if substantially justified) remarks about more courts and more judges. It cannot be stated too emphatically or too often that the public is not satisfied with the status quo, and that satisfactory advances can only be achieved by total confidence and total co-operation between the Lord Chancellor's department, the judiciary, the profession, and the main bodies of court users. I was careful during the course of the review to distance myself from any conclusions they might reach. But the problems raised cannot be airily dismissed.

however . . . David Nicholson-Lord

I'm backing the Boot People

When Brussels dreamt up the European Year of the Environment, I'll wager it gave scarcely a thought to the folks at Catford Greyhound Stadium.

EYE, as the Europeans call it, boasts a pageant of events of the type that committees invent for other people have to work at. Most of them, one fears, will reach only the converted. Which is why one deeply regrets the absence of a Catford Car Boot Award.

Let me explain, for the uninitiated, about the car boot sale. As is well-known, that half of the nation fortunate enough to live on the right side of the North-South divide spends its leisure hours trekking from superstore to hypermarket to inner-urban craft plaza in search of that little item of high technology or home improvement to round the week off. While low-browed types from the Northern badlands squat in their cave entrances dreaming sullenly of white consumer durables they will never possess, the Home Counties are awash with the things. Houses groan under home computers, video recorders, microwave ovens and compact discs. Each succeeding wave of technology pushes out the previous one. Pretty soon everyone runs out of space.

Every age produces its own solution to the *Lebensraum* question. Palaeolithic man simply yawned, tossed his discarded artefacts over his shoulder and settled back to a good evening's staring at the bonfire. On such delightful heedlessness are the archaeological treasure troves of today founded. Then came non-biodegradability. Yesterday's non-biodegradability was a boon: it gave us the Beaker people, Samos ware, Roman amphorae by the skipful. It gave us the Stone Age, the Iron Age and the Bronze Age, those handy little labels which endeared the trackless wastes of prehistory to generations of schoolchildren.

History, in a sense, is all about non-biodegradability. Just suppose Friends of the Earth had been around two or three millennia ago, decrying all those precious micro-tainers for storing one's bird-droppings in? Think of all the redundant museum stuff. Thank God, one may say, Bog Man and

his contemporaries were ecological dunderheads.

Most of the items which make up GNP, however, are resolutely unbiodegradable. What is an EYE-conscious citizen to do? Compost the kitchen sink? Turn the late-70s rustic-look sub-Liberty's kitchen into waste-derived fuel pellets to make way for its mid-80s pastel-shade hi-tech-chic replacement? Make hand-knittee jerseys out of last year's *Homes and Gardens*?

Once upon a time you might have yielded up your surplus to the rag and bone men, but they have all now turned yuppie, developed corporate logos and refuse to handle anything that isn't under warranty. What's worse, they get both the money and the fun of the selling.

Hence the charm of the car boot sale. All you do is pile your unconsidered trifles into the back of the Volvo, truck off at first light to the point of sale, pay your £5, open your boot — and lo! hundreds of fellow consumers queue up to buy your rubbish.

Car boot sales are in consequence immensely popular. Yet their significance in the nervy pageant of late 20th-century culture deserves more than a passing mention. They are a sign of the new Conservatism — self-help writ large. They are a sign of a new meanness masquerading as a new entrepreneurialism: buyers and sellers' accounts usually amount to only a pound or three, so ludicrously low are prices. They are a sign of a rampant, febrile and yet still innocent consumerism, demonstrating how completely the business of getting and spending is eating into the fabric of our lives and yet how much childlike pleasure we derive from it.

Above all, perhaps, the car boot sale is testimony to the resilience and unscripted originality of the marketplace. Gorging itself on a high-fat credit-fed diet of brand spanking new retail riches, the free market decides to take a health-care move into polyunsaturated second-hand shoddy, paid for in pennies. The Affluent Society, in short, develops its own antibodies. What's more, everyone enjoys it so much, in a way that the inventors of EYE would probably never appreciate, recycling really can be fun.



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MADE IN SPACE

Thirty years ago this Autumn the Soviet Union put the world's first satellite into orbit around the Earth. Sputnik 1 weighed a mere 184 pounds; it sent out only the faintest radio signals in its ninety-five minutes circle of the globe. But, in its doing so, the space age had dawned.

Before the launch of Sputnik (into the world's vocabulary as well as its skies) the West had complacently assumed its superiority in the race to space. Afterwards Soviet scientific prestige rose to an unprecedented height — and with it political prestige too.

A generation later, as *The Times* has shown this week, history may be repeating itself. Earlier this year, the Soviet Union demonstrated that it is still capable of registering significant firsts in space. The successful test launch of the Energia rocket, which has the potential to lift loads of up to 270 tonnes — the equivalent of nine US shuttles — is a substantial achievement. Linked to other Soviet space programmes, it raises fears once again of Soviet potential and intentions on Earth's final frontier.

Despite the West's evident lead in high technology, the Soviet Union now appears to have done it again. But the success is not a product of superior science. The Soviet space programme is an achievement of Soviet determination. While the US has channelled its energies into short, high prestige projects like the Apollo moon mission or the ill-fated space shuttle, the Soviets have concentrated their efforts on the humdrum, the routine and, ultimately, it must be feared, the more useful.

It is tempting to be sceptical of those who parade Soviet achievements in this area. It is true that there are cash-starved scientists in the West with a vested interest in pointing out the success of their more pampered rivals. It is true too that the Soviet mentality is always to build up faraway solutions to distract from problems closer at hand. There can be little doubt, however, that Soviet space strategy is beginning to show results.

If only half of the potential of Energia is realized, the Soviets will be in a commanding position to embark on the large-scale industrial exploitation of space. The military prospects, though wide ranging, are unlikely to match those of the US Strategic Defence Initiative; the celestial power grid may not be seen in our lifetime; it may not be seen at all. But there can be little doubt that the Soviet ability to lift extremely heavy loads into orbit, at vastly reduced cost, is the first step towards building factories in the firmament.

Successful planning seems to be central to

the most recent Russian breakthroughs. The Soviet Union is a closed society, without the wealth-creating energy of free markets but without too the need to woo vacillating public opinion with glamorous moonshots. If the political will is there it can avoid the fluctuations in funding which have periodically hampered the American space effort.

This is not to claim that there are no conflicts over the direction of the Soviet space programme or debates among Soviet politicians and bureaucrats over where scarce resources should be allocated, for clearly this is far too simple a picture of the internal workings of the Soviet Union. But there can be little argument over the fact that these pressures are of an entirely different magnitude to those faced by space programmes in the West.

It is to this problem that the politicians overseeing space programmes in America and Europe must now address themselves. It is not enough to look back thirty years and be stampeded into another crash programme to match Soviet successes out of fear of being left behind. What is required is a sober assessment of the processes that lie behind Energia's achievement and a concerted effort to identify and rectify shortcomings in the Western response.

After the setbacks sustained by the American space programme in the wake of last year's shuttle disaster, the pressures to embark on yet another high cost, high prestige space project, such as a manned flight to Mars, are on the increase. But if the success of Energia has any lessons for the West, surely it is to raise a large question mark over such an approach.

Western politicians, and particularly those in Britain, should also take note that Energia is the result of a national effort by a superpower. No country, other than the United States, could hope to equal the Soviet achievement — and even then only with large quantities of public finance.

With the European Space Agency due to meet in November to finalize funding for the next stage of the European programme, this message must not be lost on the British Government. If Britain is to have a future here it can only come through participation with Europe. Space is not yet ready to be developed by competing manufacturing companies. The risks are too high. The initial conquering has not been done. For Mrs Thatcher to maintain that the private sector, especially one as small as that in Britain, is sufficient to keep us in the business of space is to defy the economics of space.

THE MINERS' STRIKE

It is easy for observers of the South African miners' strike to clothe it in the trappings of a classic contest between good and evil, a contest between 200,000 workers on the bottom rung of the South African economic ladder and the handful of enormously rich and powerful companies who mine the country's wealth and prop up its apartheid regime. Now that the regime has shown its hand and arrested some of the strikers, it is still easier to see the issue in that way.

Ease does not make for accuracy, however. The apparent cause of the current dispute is the National Union of Mine Workers' refusal to accept a basic wage increase of between 17 and 23 per cent, a higher award than any granted in South African industry this year. The union originally demanded a 50 per cent increase, but has now dropped its claim to 30 per cent in order, it is said, to close the gap between the wages of black and white mine workers.

Such is the heat generated on both sides of the apartheid divide that a number of myths about the wage gap go unchallenged. For the majority of black miners, who begin work with only three years' formal education, there is certainly a skills gap. This will remain until South Africa, and the surrounding states which depend critically on mine workers' remittances, achieve equality in education. But for many years South African mines have operated a system of equal pay for equal work; the last notorious barrier to black advancement, the law which prevented black miners from obtaining a blasting certificate, has finally been abolished.

There is much that is unpleasant about mining in South Africa and the NUM would be failing in its duty to its members if it did not continually push for improvement. But those members' living standards — in the last 16 years black miners' wages have risen four times faster than the cost of living — are not helped when sympathizers in the rest of the world

treat an industrial dispute as a morality play.

There is little doubt that the Union's leader, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, would like it to be seen in that light. He has made no secret of his desire to propel the NUM to the vanguard of the liberation struggle. It is understandable too that, denied other avenues of political expression, politicized black South Africans look to unions to articulate their political aims.

Shorn of its romantic appeal, however, the strategy appears flawed. The first is that the employers against whom the strike weapon is deployed are not the government of South Africa. Industrialists have long demanded social and political change. In some of these attempts they have been successful, in many more they have failed to persuade South Africa's rulers who, as yesterday's intemperate response shows once again, remain far more sensitive to the fears of their voters than to the needs of industry.

In recent years as black South Africans have moved up the educational ladder, employment has done more than provide them with a basic freedom from want. It has also given significant numbers the education, expertise and economic security to undermine apartheid. The rhetoric of the NUM leadership shows no interest in such slow processes of change. It speaks of bringing down the system now, and to achieve this purpose it is prepared to use its membership.

It is hard to assess how far the NUM will go to turn this rhetoric into reality. But recent surveys among South Africa's mine workers have shown that their main reason for joining the NUM is to ensure job security and protection from dismissal at a time of high unemployment. In which case the NUM leadership and those observers who have burdened the dispute with political significance will not have done the legitimate aims of black trade unionism in South Africa any good.

SONS AND SINNERS

The Church of England quickly abandoned the experimental form of the Lord's Prayer which included the phrase "Forgive us our debts . . .", reverting to the less specifically financial term "trespasses"; but now perhaps we can see it was a mistake. It seems that the credit boom spares not even our men of the cloth, some of whom have increasingly to be thankful to the 17th-century founders of the Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy.

This Corporation will, at a certain cost no doubt in the endurance of raised eyebrows and pursed lips, clear some of those moderate but embarrassing debts to which all flesh is heir, fathers in God as well as sons of the clergy. It would be uncharitable to suggest that they should forthwith petition whoever's concern it is, to change their name to "the Corporation of the Sins of the Clergy". For in its commentary on the plight of these credit-card-abused clergymen, the Corporation points to the more general disease of easy credit in society at large, asking why the clergy alone should be spared, as they are, after all, human.

In the Corporation's experience avid recklessness is not a charge to be laid at the clergy's door. The problem is more often naivety in the management of domestic

finances. But naivety is next to other-worldliness, which is next to godliness, which is what the clergy are for. Some sympathy is perhaps in order. The clergy come cheap anyway, and many could be earning a lot more were they less devoted to the worship of God and the welfare of their fellow men.

The average Anglican clergyman can count on a minimum stipend of £8,000 a year, which has been crudely equated with an annual salary of some £12,000 in terms of living standards. It has to be remembered that the last time the Church Commissioners raised the stipend, by a little over eight per cent, the point was made that in some less prosperous areas of Britain the clergyman was emerging as the best breadwinner in his community.

Since that, it was maintained, might be harmful to the pastoral relationship, the sense that the vicarage is familiar with the pitfalls of easy credit should do wonders for the vicar's reputation in the community. All that spoils this idyllic picture of priest and people struggling to survive together in a credit-ridden world is the Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy, a safety-net to rescue from hock the one but not the other.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Minesweeping role in the Gulf

From Mr Teddy Taylor, MP for South East (Conservative). Sir, While the letters (August 8) from Mr Ray Whitney, MP, on the Gulf situation make powerful reading, HM Government is certainly not without support on its own benches on its prudent resolve not to agree to the initial request from the US for minesweeping assistance.

Of course, this has been overtaken by the Government's decision to provide such protection for our own vessels (report, August 12) but support should be maintained for its earlier decision.

The US Alliance is the cornerstone of our foreign policy and this is why the State Department should review its policy when its most loyal ally feels unable to join this particular exercise.

Gulf policy should at least accept the basic point that it was the Iraqis and not the Iranians who started off this dreadful war by tearing up the 1975 agreement and invading Iran. It should also accept that the war on shipping in the area was again started by the Iraqis. Perhaps most fundamental is the conduct of the war where the use of chemical warfare against the Iraqis appears to be as clear as it is shameful.

In these circumstances it is difficult to see how US current policy can be regarded in any way as impartial. When the Iraqi "blitzkrieg" seemed likely to sink Iran there was little sign of activity from the West, but now that the Iraqis appear to be moving forward, the West is suddenly and dramatically interested in embargoes, ceasefires and sanctions.

Such a policy is fair and consistent if we regard the objective as containing "warped Islamic fanaticism", as Mr David Howell states. But the US policy does not square with protestations of impartiality and of a single-minded aim of ending the war.

In the longer term, the Government's reluctance to join the anti-Iranian fire brigade could pay dividends. Although there are many who disapprove of the display of strong religious sentiments, particularly when mixed up with politics, there is reasonable evidence that the Government of Iran rests on stronger and more popular foundations than the governments of the despot.

'Spycatcher' ruling

From Mr C. J. L. Ellwell. Sir, You suggest (leading article, August 5) that the public has "a right to information which has already escaped into the public domain", that it is the duty of the press and the judiciary to safeguard this right and that this right and this duty are more important than upholding "the obligation of confidence".

What you are, in effect, saying is that it is more important to disseminate whatever has been feloniously and treacherously revealed by a former public servant, who has broken his trust, than to respect the wishes of a government responsible for the country's security. You are saying that the indiscretions of one private individual, whose motives are suspect and whose accuracy you have no means of judging, are worth more than the silence of hundreds of loyal public servants, who must resist the temptation of exposing their former colleague and his book for what they are.

A means to serve

From the Director General of Help the Aged. Sir, Alec Dickson raises a provocative point in his letter (August 4). Deducting that our educational and social structures neither promote nor require compassion, he proposes to correct this inconsistency by raising the profile of community service.

Service to others, concern, compassion — these are worthy qualities but ones which are difficult to deliver. Our elderly population fits uncomfortably into this: the overwhelming majority are fit, active and independent and do not want to be the objects of care and concern. However, they do want to be recognised and noticed and accorded a real and responsible position in society consistent with their dignity and achievements.

This is the real challenge of putting compassion into our society.

Victorian values

From Mr Charles Lovell. Sir, How timely and appropriate your leader (August 10) on Victorian values. "Hard work, sobriety, frugality, foresight" — these are indeed virtues to be encouraged again.

Even more so, it would seem, is the virtue of general social morality and its inculcation into the young from an early age.

The other day the retiring Metropolitan Police Commis-

Data scrambled

From Mr Martin Pitt. Sir, May I correct a mistake in your report, "Shell shocked" (August 7). Bureaucrats made me smash almost 4,000 free-range eggs for daring to put on the outer box the date the eggs were packed.

EEC rules specifically forbid the disclosure on any egg packaging of what the public want to know most of all — the exact date of lay.

Yours sincerely, MARTIN PITT, Levett Farm, Clench Common, Marlborough, Wiltshire. August 10.

Changing face of trade-unionism

From Mr P. M. Walker. Sir, Your reporting (August 10) of Mr Michael Meacher's promised attempt to transform the public image of trade-unionism has left me wondering why the trade-union movement should be happy to let the Labour Party undertake such work on its behalf. Would it be right to consider the lack of comment by the TUC on Mr Meacher's proposal as a measure of their concern?

There can, of course, be little doubting the fall in membership and union density, but public perception of the trade unions has been a creation of their years of partnership with the Labour Party rather than through any reform initiated by Conservative secretaries of state at the Department of Employment. This is one point that membership figures for individual unions bear out and a point, too, which Mr Meacher might well concede to be his call for better services to be provided for the membership.

Mr Meacher is wrong, however, in his attempts to speak for the membership. Not only has the public perception of the Labour Party/TUC relationships harmed unions in the past, but the links at general secretary level cannot be said to be reflected in many union branches, far less at grassroots level.

Throughout recent electoral history the percentage of trade-unionists who vote Labour has consistently fallen while the number of Conservative trade-unionists has risen dramatically.

Legislation since 1979 has caught both popular mood and public demand, often stopping short of

Whiff of treason

From Mr John Keegan. Sir, In his article on "The coup that never was" (August 7), Brian James quotes my account of a talk given by the late Cecil King at the Staff College to support his contention that "some elements of the military were involved in concerted or concurrent thinking about a coup".

The point of my account was to demonstrate exactly the opposite. As I described, Mr Cecil King's after-dinner talk on the theme of the Armed Forces as "the last hope of the country" was greeted by the students with hostility and derision. It may have been a reasonable attempt to suborn the loyalty of the Queen's officers, but it failed dismally.

It is also important to point out that the occasion was an informal meeting of a dinner club and was not sponsored by the Staff College authorities. The students had invited Mr King in the expectation that he would talk to them about Fleet Street.

Yours faithfully, JOHN KEEGAN, Soudern, Rother, Morayshire.

V & A closure

From Mr Malcolm Lewis. Sir, The early closure of this museum last Thursday, announced over a week in advance, was to enable an innovative and wide-ranging package of measures to be discussed by the warring staff covering the reopening of the V & A on Fridays after a decade of closure, a reorganisation of staffing at Apsley House and coverage of the new Theatre Museum, all of which will be directly beneficial to our public.

The decision to close early was not taken lightly. The alternatives, mentioned in Sir Denis Mahon's letter of August 11, would have involved a heavy overtime payment bill and doubtless attracted equal criticism.

We regret the inconvenience caused to our visitors by last Thursday's early closure. They, however, will appreciate the resulting reopening of the V & A on Fridays before this Christmas.

Yours faithfully, MALCOLM LEWIS, (Personnel & Security Manager), Victoria & Albert Museum, South Kensington, SW7. August 11.

Quiet neighbours

From Mr T. M. H. Scott. Sir, Lady Kindersley should not worry unduly about her parties on the patio two feet above human remains (report, August 6). She is in good company.

Henry VIII and subsequent monarchs enjoyed the pleasures of his fabulous palace of Nonsuch, in Surrey, whilst the uncleaned grave-yard of the demolished church of Cuddington lay just below the flagstones of the principal courtyard and the royal apartments surrounding it.

Yours faithfully, T. M. H. SCOTT, The Cottage, 236 Banstead Road, Banstead, Surrey.

Rev counter

From Mr J. A. Bagnall Smith. Sir, Today in *The Times* (August 10) we read of the marriage of a Bishop to the widow of a Rev. A Bishop officiated, assisted by a Very Rev and a Rev. The bride was given away by a Rev and the best man was a Very Rev. The reception was at the Bishop's House.

Obviously a Church wedding. Yours faithfully, TONY BAGNALL SMITH, The Old Kennels, Garsington, Oxford. August 10.

ON THIS DAY

AUGUST 13 1822

The second Marquis of Londonderry (1789-1822), better known as Viscount Castlereagh, succeeded to his father's title in 1821. As leader of the House of Commons he became identified with repressive measures at home. In his last years he suffered from persecution mania and carried a pistol for self-defence.

TRAGIC DEATH OF LORD CASTLEREAGH

LONDON, TUESDAY, August 13, 1822

A great sensation was yesterday produced in this metropolis by the sudden death of the Marquis of LONDONDERRY. The melancholy intelligence reached the public offices early in the morning, and by one or two o'clock had spread into the city. The accounts, both in the west end of the town and in the city, were at first listened to with incredulity. He had so recently appeared in public, without the appearance of complaint, — he had attended the prorogation of Parliament in apparently full vigour and high spirits, — and he had been mentioned in all the accounts of the King's embarkation as one of the Ministers who attended his Royal Master on that occasion, that people could not at first bring their minds to believe the unexpected change. The discredited report, however, was but too well confirmed in the course of the day by applications at his Lordship's house, and at the Government offices.

Various rumours were in circulation in the morning respecting the immediate causes of his Lordship's death. . . . In the village of North Cray, which adjoins his Lordship's country seat, we found the following account in circulation:—For the last ten days, the Marquis had been suffering under a nervous fever, accompanied by a depression of spirits. On Friday he underwent the operation of cupping; after which, it appeared that his fever did not increase, though no alteration in the state of his mind was perceptible, he being still subject to despondency. Yesterday morning his Lordship rose and went into his dressing-room. He then desired the servant by whom he was attended to request that his physician, Dr. BANK-HEAD, of Lower Brook-street, Grosvenor-square, might be sent for. During the absence of his servant, it appears that his Lordship had got possession of a razor or some sharp instrument, which he applied to his throat, and divided the great artery on the left side of his neck. When the servant re-entered the dressing-room the Marquis fell into his arms, and almost immediately expired. The following circumstance, which was collected in the village of North Cray, ought to be mentioned as an indication of the previous state of his Lordship's mind. On Saturday the noble Marquis was heard to exclaim to one of his attendants — "Business and I must part — the perplexities of office are too much for me — I cannot endure them much longer." It is said that his Lordship made use of similar language about a year ago, when his health appeared to be in the present condition. It has been reported that his Lordship received a fall from his horse during the last week, but this, on inquiry, we believe to be unfounded. His Lordship refused to have his bed made on Sunday night, expressing an apprehension of taking cold. We understand, however, that he rose as early as seven o'clock yesterday morning, and drank a cup of tea, and ate a muffin, before the fatal event took place.

The melancholy tidings of the death of the noble Marquis was brought by Mr. VICH, the King's Messenger, who arrived in town between 12 and 1 o'clock, having travelled with the greatest speed in a chaise and four. It is impossible to describe the consternation that prevailed at all the public offices.

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The Princess Royal, Colonel-in-Chief of The Royal Corps of Signals, will visit the Training Group at Caterick Camp on September 10.

The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will visit Jaguar Cars at Alresford, near Coventry, on September 10.

The Prince of Wales will open the CAB International Centre at Watlington, Oxfordshire, on September 15.

The Duchess of York, Patron of the Tate Gallery Foundation, will attend the first performance of *Beyond Reasonable Doubt*, in aid of the foundation, at The Queen's Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, on September 16.

Birthdays today

Miss Sheila Armstrong, soprano, 45; Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Bevis, 58; Sir John Bunting, civil servant, 69; Vice-Admiral Sir Henry Burrell, 83; Sir Moore Crosthwaite, diplomat, 80; Mr R.D. Jackson, cricketer, 42; Major Sir Rennie Maudsley, former Keeper of the Privy Purse and Treasurer to The Queen, 72; Sir John Milne, chairman, Blue Circle Industries, 63; Lord Oram, 74; Sir James Richards, architectural historian, 80; Lord Sainsbury, 85; Dr Frederick Sanger, OM, CH, biochemist, 69; Air Chief Marshal Sir Denis Smallwood, 69.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: James Gillray, caricaturist, London, 1756; Sir George Grove, engineer and editor of the music dictionary bearing his name, London, 1820; John Nicholas Ireland, composer, Bowdoin, 1879; John Logie Baird, pioneer of television, Helensburgh, 1896; Florence Nightingale, London, 1810; Jules Massenet, composer, Paris, 1842; H.G. Wells, London, 1864; Henry Williamson, author, London, 1877.

Appointments

Latest appointments include: Mr James Alexander Strachan McPherson to be Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant, Grampian Region (Banffshire) in succession to Colonel Thomas Robert Gordon-Duff.

The Rev David A. Hart, Assistant Chaplain, St Andrew's School, to be Chaplain, Head of Divinity and Assistant Housemaster St John's College School, Cambridge, from September.

Latest wills

Sir Thomas Eardley Brouley, KCMG, of Oxford, former Ambassador to Ethiopia, Syria and the Somali Republic, left estate valued at £213,704 net.

Mr Charles David Darley, of Barnby Moor, Retford, Nottinghamshire, left estate valued at £2,284,039 net.

The Rev William Harold Alfred Dodd, of London W14, a consulting surgeon in Harley Street who, after retirement, was ordained to a curacy at All Souls, Langham Place, left estate valued at £681,871 net.

Mr John Yewer Dyer, of Chorleywood, Hertfordshire, Professor of Viola at the Royal College of Music 1945-78, who played the viola with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra under Sir Thomas Beecham, left estate valued at £160,320 net.

Mr Geoffrey Charles Haynes, of Tottenhall, West Midlands, former deputy chairman of the Birmingham Regional Hospital Board, left estate valued at £308,387 net.

Mr James John Lane, of Blackmore, Essex, left estate valued at £1,284,545 net.

Mr Frank William Law, of Chipperfield, Hertfordshire, former consultant ophthalmic surgeon to Moorfields Eye Hospital, Guy's Hospital and several other institutions, a past master of the Company of Spectacle Makers and a member of the City of London, left estate valued at £175,603 net.

Mr Tom Stewart Lodge, of Coudon, Surrey, first head of the Home Office Research Unit into criminological research and a member of the Council of Europe Criminological Scientific Council 1970-77, left estate valued at £207,191 net.

Dr James Howard Wellard, of London NW3, author, war correspondent, explorer and historian, who made many television and radio appearances, left estate valued at £728,021 net.

Archaeology

Beachcombing in prehistory

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

Excavations at one of the earliest known archaeological sites in Ireland have shown that it was used only for a few days at a time, rather than being a summer campsite as had been initially thought.

Different resources were available to the Mesolithic visitors of six thousand years ago on each occasion, resulting in the discovery of fish, shellfish and stone tool remains.

The site, at Ferriter's Cove on the Dingle Peninsula in Co Kerry, is buried under several metres of later windblown sand. It was found several years ago when excavation material began eroding out of an exposed section on the shore, and the danger of total destruction by weathering led to the present excavations.

"The site is a freak survival from this period", said Professor Peter Woodman, of University College, Cork, who is directing the project. "It is one of the few pieces of evidence that we have for coastal economies of this period in the whole zone between Brittany and the Hebrides".

This year's excavations have shown that three discrete areas of occupation exist: the two largest are between 8 and 10 metres (25-33 feet) apart at their centres but almost overlapping at the margins.

One seems to have held fires, and a

scatter of food debris and burnt stones fans out as though scraped away from the hearth. Small patches of mollusc shells lie among mainly fish remains. The fish species exploited, identified by their bones and otoliths (ear ossicles) include pollock and deepwater fish that may have required fairly advanced techniques to catch them.

The fires are from "very short term outdoor occupations" with only a few post or stakeholes which are more likely to be from net-drying racks than houses, Professor Woodman says. "The evidence is so well preserved that we can even determine the prevailing wind direction from the way in which charcoal was blown off the fire", he said.

"What we have are simple, single occupations of a few days' length almost as near as we can get to precise moments in prehistory; as we look at the landscape we can see two very different kinds of exploitation on two visits. This is a sobering reminder of the dangers of generalising on little evidence", Professor Woodman said.

Another of the areas dug this year yielded a midden of pure mollusc shell, mainly periwinkle and whelk, banked in an area some 5 metres long, up to 2 metres wide and several centimetres thick.

A third area had a stone-chipping

floor preserved in situ under silt. A scatter of tiny fragments of greenstone showed where cores had "burst" when mislaid by the toolmaker, and several classic Larnian flint cores, typical of the Irish Mesolithic, were also found.

The finished tools included knives made from a slate-like rock, and a number of polished axes of mudstone, a material not native to the locality and apparently imported from further east.

Systematic beachcombing by the project showed that on one occasion flint nodules were available on the beach, brought in by the waves, while on another there were rhyolite pebbles but no flint. Professor Woodman believes that this short-term variation in resources is matched by the variability in the materials and species utilised during the occasional ephemeral occupations of the site.

His initial research design was to investigate the possibility that Ferriter's Cove could have been a seasonal summer camp; any evidence of near-sedimentary occupation in the Irish Mesolithic around 4000 BC would be of great importance in understanding the beginnings of permanent farming settlement which begins not long after.

At present, however, Professor Woodman has the problem of finding out where the visitors to the site were living for the remaining 51 weeks of the year.

New station opens in an old style



The first train pulls in to the new "Victorian" station at Blackpool's Pleasure Beach, after it was opened yesterday by Mr David Mitchell, Minister of State at the Department of Transport. The £100,000 cost of the new station was paid jointly by Lancashire County Council, British Rail, Blackpool Council and Blackpool Pleasure Beach (Photograph: Brian Duff)

Bridge

Britain moves into comfortable second

In the first of yesterday's matches in the European bridge championships, Great Britain were in excellent form in the Open Series, scoring a maximum 25 against Hungary, who had been in seventh place. As a result Britain moves into a comfortable second place.

The leaders in the Open Series after 19 rounds are: Sweden, 359½; Great Britain, 343; Iceland, 334; Israel, 325½; France, 325; Poland, 319.

The ladies' team had a bye in the morning, for which they were credited with 18 points. However, Italy scored a maximum 25 to take the lead, while France were surprisingly beaten by Finland, to come much closer to the British score.

The leaders in the ladies' series after 15 rounds are: Italy, 284; France, 280; Great Britain, 278; Denmark, 259.

In Tuesday's late night game the British ladies beat Bulgaria 21-9 to move into second place. The British men had a bye round which permitted Iceland to overtake Britain and go second.

In other matches yesterday Iceland and Israel met and at the half way stage Iceland led by four points; France, who were opposed to Portugal, were 16 points behind at half-time.

On Tuesday night in their match against Iceland the British team had to make a last minute substitution because of the illness of a player. In spite of this they did

well to win 19-11. This kept them one point ahead of Italy but increased France's lead.

The British ladies meet Italy and France in two critical matches. Should Great Britain have the better of those two matches their place in the world championship in October will be assured. But if they fail to finish in the first two they will not have the opportunity to defend the world championship which they have held since 1981.

Lord Barber and Mrs J.A.R. Ash

The engagement is announced between Anthony Barber and Janice Ash, both of London.

Dr R.P. Ross Mairs and Miss J.C. Beevor

The engagement is announced between Roderick Peter, son of Mr Alan Ross Mairs, of Watchet, Somerset, and Margaret Ross Mairs, of Stogursey, Somerset, and Juliana Clare, daughter of Sir Thomas Beevor, Bt, of Hargham Hall, Norfolk, and Barbara Lady Beevor, of Marlingford, Norfolk.

Mr H.C. Kenny-Herbert and Miss H.S. Murdoch

The engagement is announced between Christopher, younger son of Major and Mrs E.M.M. Kenny-Herbert, of Lawn Farm, Salisbury, and Henry, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs A.W. Murdoch, of Parsonage Farm, Hursbourne, Tarrant, Andover.

Science report

Drug may slow multiple sclerosis

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Researchers in the United States and Israel believe they may be on the way to developing a drug that could delay the progression of one form of multiple sclerosis.

Preliminary findings, which are published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, this week, provide some basis for optimism, but the scientists warn that much more research is necessary to determine the real value of the drug.

In two years of tests on 50 volunteers suffering from the

disease of the central nervous system, they found that MS did not get worse in more than half those given the experimental compound, an amino acid drug called Cop 1.

By contrast, only one quarter of the volunteers receiving a worthless salt solution showed no progression of the condition.

The team, led by Dr Murray Borenstein, of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City, concluded that Cop 1 produced significant

beneficial results, "especially among patients who were in the earlier stages of disease."

One of the most serious difficulties facing all MS researchers is that the health of sufferers can deteriorate and then improve for no apparent reason. The progress of the disease can be very slow, and it can be almost impossible to determine whether a drug is responsible for improvement, or whether a temporary natural remission has occurred.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M. Borthwick and Miss A.R.P. Pappin

The engagement is announced between Michael, youngest son of Mr and Mrs A.T. Borthwick, of Alton, Hampshire, and Amanda, elder daughter of Mr D.F. Pappin, of Cobham, Surrey, and Mrs M.E. Towsey, of Liffordham, Hampshire.

Mr N.D.J. Brookes and Miss C.J. Ladbroke

The engagement is announced between Nicholas Duncan Jeremy, youngest son of Mr and Mrs A.E. Brookes, of Sutton Coldfield, and Catherine Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D.G. Ladbroke, of Ballarat, Australia.

Mr C.J. Mackenzie-Grieve and Miss M.J. Brealey

The engagement is announced between Colin, younger son of Captain and Mrs J.S.M. Mackenzie-Grieve, late of Tolleshunt d'Arcy, Essex, and Monica, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.H. Brealey, of Repton, Derbyshire.

Mr P.A. Loweth and Miss J.R. Ruston

The engagement is announced between Peter Anthony, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Anthony Loweth, of West Bridgford, Nottinghamshire, and Beamsley, North Yorkshire, and Jennifer Rosalyn, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Ruston, of Kendal, Cumbria.

Mr R.J. White and Miss R.E. Brownstone

The engagement is announced between Richard James, son of Mr and Mrs W.F. White, of Burrows Hill, Gosnell, Surrey, and Rosemary Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs H.L. Brownstone, of Church Farm Cottage, Howsham, York.

Mr P.A. Greaves and Miss J.G. Mullins

The engagement is announced between Paul, only son of Mr and Mrs H. Greaves, of Norton, Sheffield, and J. (Janee), daughter of Mrs N.M. Mullins, of Ecclesall, Sheffield.

Mr C.N. Frank and Miss C.R.G. Moon

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, younger son of Mr and Mrs C.J. Frank, and Caroline, daughter of Mrs J.M. Bailey, and Lieutenant-Colonel J.J.E.G. Moon, MBE.

Mr A.G. Rickman and Miss N.J. Park

The engagement is announced between Andrew, youngest son of Mr and Mrs G.R. Rickman, of Sullington, Sussex, and Nicola, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A.A. Park, of Skeffington, Leicestershire.

Mr R. Sweet and Miss A.V. Bridcut

The engagement is announced between Robert, younger son of Mr and Mrs E. Sweet, of Broadbury Park, London, and Angela, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs J.K. Bridcut, of Farnham, Surrey.

Mr N. Eldridge and Miss A. Poole

The marriage took place on Saturday, August 8, at St Mary's Church, Chilham, Kent, of Mr and Mrs Neville Eldridge, of Chilham, Kent, to Miss Alison Poole, daughter of Dr and Mrs David Poole, of Bristol. The Rev L.A. Preston officiated.

The bride, who was given in

OBITUARY

PROFESSOR HANS MOTZ
Oxford's first Professor of Engineering

Professor Hans Motz, Oxford University's first Professor of Engineering, died on August 6. He was 77.

The achievements of his work in electrical engineering and physics, carried out in universities around the world, were formidable and varied. It included important research on free-electron lasers, the full value of which is only now coming to be appreciated.

Later, he divided his time between Oxford and his native Vienna, where he was an honorary professor at the Technical University.

Hans Motz was born on October 1, 1909, and was educated in Vienna at the Realschule and the Technische Hochschule, graduating as an engineer in 1932. The breadth of his early interests was reflected in his first research projects, which included chemical reaction kinetics and investigation of molecular structure using X-ray and electron diffraction.

In 1936 he went to Trinity College, Dublin, where he studied theoretical aspects of photo-ionisation of metal vapours. Two years later he came to England where he became "fatally interested" (his own expression) in microwaves.

At the outbreak of war he was interned for a time. His connection with Oxford, at the

suggestion of C. P. Snow, began in 1941. He taught and worked on the theory of microwaves. Later, he devised methods of numerical analysis suitable for large-scale computers.

In 1949 he went to Stanford University to work on the design and construction of the 1 BeV electron linear accelerator. There he invented and perfected the first "undulator" for the generation of millimetre waves, and also became actively engaged in high energy nuclear physics.

At this time he was greatly torn between microwave engineering and nuclear physics, and his decision to remain in engineering was largely dictated by his dislike of large teams and their organization.

He returned to Oxford in 1954 as Donald Pollock Reader in Engineering Science and a Professorial Fellow at St Catherine's College.

He frequently re-visited the United States, holding visiting professorships at Berkeley and Brown universities as well as at several European universities.

His work maintained the pioneering spirit of his earlier researches.

In 1956 he published one of the first theoretical papers on masers, devices used to amplify long range radar and radio astronomy signals while

generating little unwanted noise.

He later wrote articles on thermo-nuclear power generation in which plasma instabilities were anticipated; and he organized a group to study waves in plasmas and the basic science of possible power generation by that means.

He was an honorary consultant at the Culham Laboratory of the Atomic Energy Authority.

Motz was an individualist whose active interests ranged from the philosophy of science to cybernetics and psychology. His reluctance to commit himself to a narrower field, or to burden himself with administration, made him refuse appointments which would have gained him more general recognition. He was a modest and kind person who was always prepared to interrupt his own work to help others.

Apart from many papers in scientific journals, he published two books: *Problems of Microwave Theory* (1951) and *The Physics of Laser Fusion* (1979).

In 1980 he was awarded the Austrian Ehrenkreuz für Wissenschaft und Kunst, 1st class.

He is survived by his wife Lotte, also born in Vienna, and a daughter.

COLONEL J. A. DAVIES

Colonel J. A. Davies, OBE, who died on August 10, at the age of 86, played vital roles as a Royal Engineers officer - as a planner before and in the early part of the war, and in the field after D-Day - and then moved successfully into industry in the early days of computers.

John Alfred Davies was educated at Clifton and the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, and served for a time in India. In the 1930s, when planning started in Whitehall against the possibility of another war, he was at the War Office, and became secretary to the Supply Board of the Committee of Imperial Defence. In the year before the war he was secretary of the Prime Minister's Panel of Industrial Advisers.

This background qualified him for a central role on the supply side of the war effort. He served on the British Supply Board in Canada and the United States, and then

with the British Military Mission in Washington.

He returned to Europe to help with plans for the Normandy landings. He later became Deputy Chief Engineer (Permanent Bridges) with the 2nd Army and then Deputy Director, Engineers' Stores, 21st Army Group and BAOR.

He was awarded the OBE and the American Legion of Merit and was mentioned in despatches.

In 1946 Davies left the Army to become a founder of the British Tabulating Machine Company, as their works director. A merger made him a director of ICT (International Computers and Tabulators), which later

became part of International Computers, Ltd.

He had a mathematical bent that was in tune with the transformation from mechanical tabulators to computers. He was a man of great natural courtesy and was much respected by employees. He loved getting down on to the factory floor.

Davies gave long service to I.C.T., latterly as vice-president.

He was an accomplished water-colourist, a member of the Royal Society of Marine Artists and of the Wapping Group, and had exhibited at the Royal Academy.

He is survived by his second wife, Aline, and by two sons.

LADY ALTRINCHAM

Joan Alice Katherine, Lady Altrincham, who died on August 10 at the age of 89, was brought up as an only child in a privileged Edwardian home.

Her father, Sir John Dickson-Poynder, later Lord Islington, was a Wiltshire landowner and politician, who began as a Conservative but became a Liberal. Her mother, born Anne Dundas, was a sparkling figure in her day.

In 1910, when she was 13, Joan Poynder was drawn in charcoal by J. S. Sargent, and he found her such an attractive subject that he offered to do a full-length oil painting of her free of charge. But her parents felt that she could not be spared from her lessons.

During the First World War she was a Red Cross nurse in France, having disguised her age to get there. In 1923 she married Sir Edward Grigg, later Lord Altrincham. At their wedding at St Margaret's, Westminster, Asquith and

Lloyd George both signed the register: an unusual "double". While her husband was governor of Kenya, from 1925 to 1930, she founded a maternity hospital for African women in Nairobi, at Pumwani, which has since grown to impressive dimensions; and one at Mombasa that still bears her name.

She also founded one in Nairobi for Indian women, but that, sadly, no longer exists. In the Second World War she was active in local government in the West country before joining her husband in the Middle East, when he was appointed Minister Resident there after the assassination of Lord Moyne.

Her long widowhood since 1955 was spent at her home in South Gloucestershire, whose new name of Avon she would never accept.

She is survived by two sons and a daughter.

MR LEON H. KEYSERLING

Mr Leon H. Keyserling, American economist, who helped to inspire President Truman's "Fair Deal", died on August 9. He was 79.

His career had taken shape in the Washington of President Roosevelt's "New Deal" in the 1930s, when, as a legislative aide at Congress, he helped to draft public works programmes and social security and labour relations laws.

During the war he ran the office supervising the building of several million Government-financed homes for war workers.

His approach to the role of the State, and his emphasis on planning, was not in tune with the way American business, left to itself, wished to develop after the war. But it appealed to Harry Truman, who made Keyserling chairman of his Council of Economic Advisers.

MR CAMILLE CHAMOUN

The Right Hon. Julian Amery, MP, writes:

Ex-president Chamoun (obituary, August 8) was one of the most remarkable men of the post-war era; remarkable not only as a political leader but for his personal distinction, the breadth of his culture - Arabic, French and English - and his high degree of courage, moral as well as physical.

Chamoun's declared pro-Western convictions and his fearless denunciation of Colonel Nasser's brand of Arab Nationalism earned him many enemies.

But he seemed to bear a charmed life. Repeated attempts to kill him scored no more than minor wounds. In the end, old age was the only enemy that could bring him down.

The Middle East has lost one of its wisest statesmen and the West a true friend. It is a matter for regret that neither paid more heed to his warnings and advice.

MR JOHN LIGHTFOOT

Mr John Lightfoot, RVM, the quintessential British butler, died in London on August 11. He was 52.

In the marble corridors of the British Embassy in Washington, where he served for the past 13 years, he moved with grace, quietude and modesty. He was aptly named.

Slight, impeccably dressed in pinstriped trousers and a black jacket, he fully satisfied the imaginations of Washington society as to what a British butler should be. Lightfoot spent his life "in service". His first job, at the age of 15, was as a pantry boy in the kitchens of Chotmondeley Castle.

His career later took him into the service of John Jacob Astor, to the British High Commission in Australia; and to a position with Lord

Beaverbrook. He was also in the employ of the present Aga Khan at his Paris and St Moritz residences.

At the Washington Embassy he guided the 22 household staff including gardeners and chauffeurs. He supervised the laying down of the red carpet for the Queen's visit in 1976, and before her departure he presented him with the Royal Victorian Medal. Lightfoot carried breakfasts to the high and mighty. For the Prince of Wales it was bran cereal, fruit and toast; for the Prime Minister, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, fruit, toast and coffee, and occasionally a three-minute egg, mashed up with salt and pepper. He was always careful that Princess Margaret, who apparently disapproves of silver teapots, got her tea in a china pot. He never married.

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THE ARTS

Tragic split

That once famously divisive figure Tariq Ali remarked during the Oval Test that the only good thing about the partition of India was that it resulted in there being two cricket teams from the area able to beat England.

Channel 4 is marking the fortieth anniversary of that bloody chapter with two very different programmes. Next week comes *Partition*, Ken McMullen's strikingly individual film. Last night, however, *Division of Hearts* offered a less complex if more immediate record of the tragic displacement.

There was almost no historical narrative; there were no gaudy apologies full of hindsight and forgetfulness from

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doddering politicians. Instead, the witnesses were ordinary people who had been so roughly uprooted by distant, unseen powers too busy making history and redrawing maps to foresee the catastrophes they had engineered. The witnesses spoke in their own languages but for many there was a common theme. They had lived in peace and harmony beside each other. Moslem, Hindu, Sikh, until outsiders thrust political division on them. It was not, however, an entirely innocent lament. The eyes of one whistled elder still gleamed with terrible delight as he recalled his role in the massacre.

"If you are not faithful to your soil you are not faithful to yourself", declared one of the many witnesses still loyal to the land of their birth. BBC2 gave us two programmes about displaced persons nearer to home.

In *Open Space's* programme about an Oxford GP who defies convention by treating tramps and drop-outs as human beings, they were mainly Scots. In *Screenplay's* *Our Lady Blue*, by Heidi Thomas, a rather twee moral tale blessed with some good lines, Patricia Hayes varied her bag-lady turn with an Irish accent. Some youngsters working in a Catholic hostel for homeless women used candles and a paddling pool to convince her she had been taken to Lourdes. The Mother Superior, though, thought that such counterfeited displacement just was not cricket.

Andrew Hislop

PROMENADE CONCERT

Oslo Philharmonic/
Yansons
Albert Hall/Radio 3

It is probably his recent series of Tchaikovsky symphonies, first recorded with the Oslo Philharmonic and then televised with the BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra, which still reverberates in the mind when the name Mariss Yansons is mentioned.

But it was with Berlioz's *Symphonic Fantastique* that he and his Oslo orchestra first made their mark here in 1983; and the same work will have left an indelible imprint on our memory of their visit to the Proms this year.

The distinctive voice of this orchestra — tautly disciplined, tinglingly alert in ensemble — had already been heard in excerpts from Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet*. Minutely layered strings needed their way nervously under the pipe-like flute of "The Child Juliet" and the Minuet was just slow enough to spring forward with the tense vitality and piercing

Whiff of the old comics

CINEMA

David Robinson on new releases in London and the Buster Keaton retrospective at the National Film Theatre

Pee-Wee's Big Adventure (U)
Screen on the Green;
Cannon Oxford Street

Blind Date (15)
Leicester Square Theatre

The Man from Majorca (15)
Cannon Première; Swiss Centre

Paul Rubens attempts to revive the old style of larger-than-life personality with his character of Pee-Wee Herman. Pee-Wee began in club performances; later, with the sexual innuendo toned down, he became a favourite in children's television. Pee-Wee has a brightly made-up face, hair like a doll, a tight suit, red bow-tie, white shoes and mincing walk. His character is a grown man with the mind, emotions and reactions of a five-year-old, his cottage is painted in primary colours and filled with toys. His first feature film, *Pee-Wee's Big Adventure*, relates how his beloved bicycle is stolen by another infant in adult form.

Clearly the primal joke of Pee-Wee was the eerie contradiction between the baby with his bunny-rabbit slippers and the grown-up sexual undercurrents; and something has been lost in cleaning him up for the kiddies. A moment remains. When Pee-Wee hitches a ride with a hulking trucker, circumstances require him to disguise himself as a matronly lady. He has a nasty moment when his get-up stirs the desires of his companion. But these weirder moments are rare; mostly Pee-Wee's infantilism is undisturbed.

Pee-Wee's character has elements of two great silent comics, Harry Langdon and Larry Semon; and a touch of Tati (Francophilia can be perilous in Americans). Without the advantages of silence, he has a yappy laugh and too much squeaky dialogue. It is wise to keep an open mind on Paul Rubens's future in films; but for the moment Pee-Wee does not sustain a feature film. The director was the 26-year-old Tim Burton.

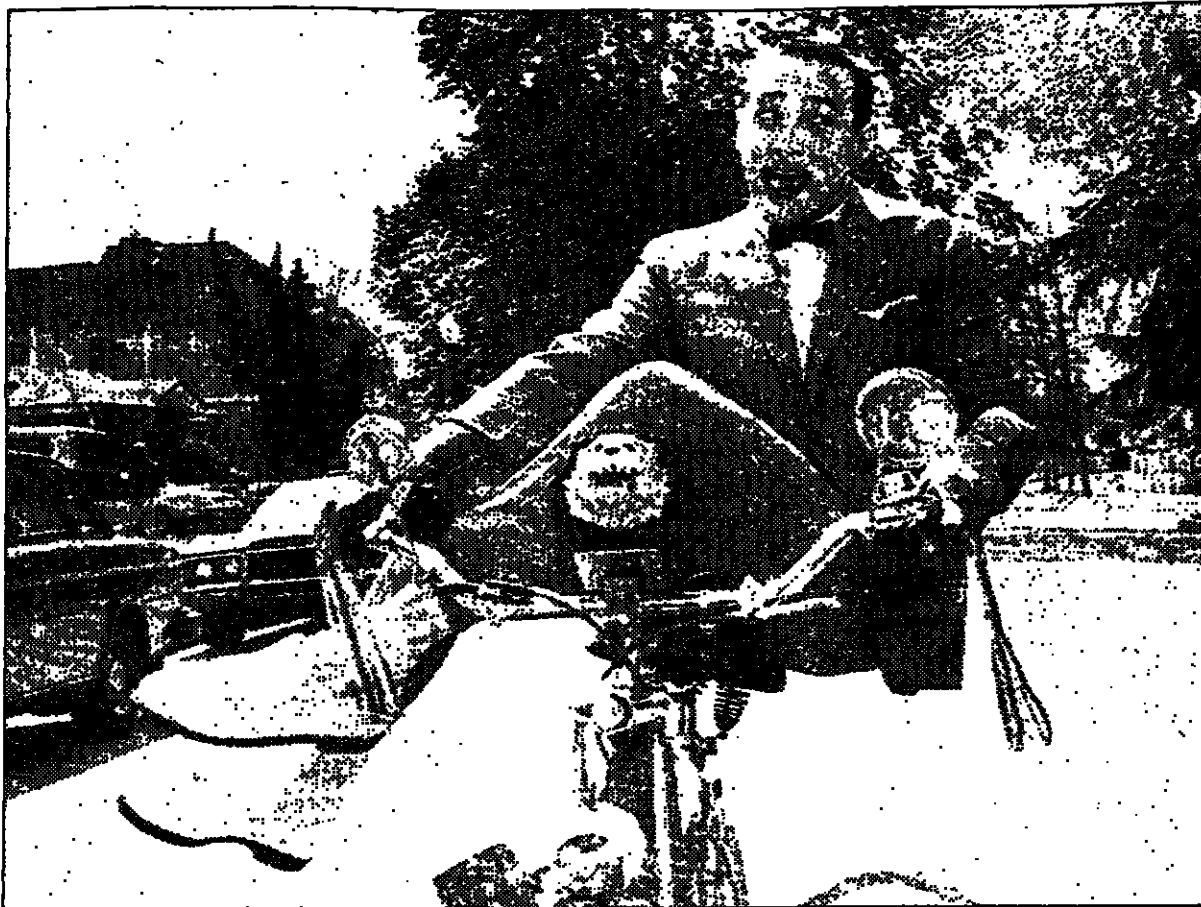
woodwind punctuation which characterized the whole performance.

So it came as no surprise when Berlioz was conjured out of the air with a shudder of fast vibrato and a finesse and precision of timbre rarely heard in the Albert Hall. What did come as a shock — and so it should — was Yansons's pointing and phrasing of the *idée fixe* and of the waltz.

Details of bowing, balance and even breath made it an electro-cardiograph of nervous movement. There was a raw clarity of texture and a sense of instinct which belonged very much to the Franco-Russian school of orchestral playing, without so much as a smudge of German romantic overtones.

One could pick out many details which contributed to the excitement of this performance: the silky horn-playing, the chamber-like rapport between, say, flute and double-bass or cello and bassoon. But this is not an orchestra of virtuoso soloists or sections: it impresses by its wide-awake responses, its deeply musical assurance and its ability to make music spontaneously within the framework of solid rehearsal.

Hilary Finch



Pee-Wee Herman with his beloved bicycle: Paul Rubens as the grown man with the mind and emotions of a child

Blake Edwards's laboured *Blind Date* represents the worst of contemporary comedy. It tells the familiar tale of a yuppie (Bruce Willis) who discovers a richer life-style after being led astray by a wacky woman. The lady (Kim Basinger) is a clinical alcoholic with a pathologically jealous lover (David Laroquette) in tow. The script (by Dale Launer, who did a better job on *Ruthless People*) has not many ideas apart from the disruption of classy parties and the destruction of expensive cars by drunks and brawlers. In desperate moments (and there are many) Edwards resorts to throwing people into pools or cracking them over the head.

The best entertainment of the week is a Swedish-language thriller, *The Man from Majorca*, directed by Bo Widerberg. The story is based on a novel by a former policeman who left the force in protest at official hushing up of high-level corruption on grounds of "national security"; and clearly reflects his experiences and doubts about the Swedish police system — which gives the film a nice topicality.

Extremely skillfully made (Widerberg's past work includes *Elvira Madigan*), the film easily challenges its American equivalent in terms of suspense; but, unlike American police films, it dispenses with violence and

maintains a controlled pace that permits us to enjoy the quirky characters. The central characters, two enterprising boys from the vice squad, are admirably acted by Sven Wollter and Tomas von Bromsen, as a down-in-the-mouth divorcee.

The most serious problem with *The Man from Majorca* is that the bank robbery which opens the film, shot with hand-held cameras and a marvelous sense of detail, is so good that it never again achieves the same level as it gets deeper and deeper entangled in its jigsaw plot.

Twenty-one years after his death and 60 since the last of his great silent classics, Buster Keaton's attraction remains undiminished. Next month Thames Television will show *Unknown Keaton*, Kevin Brownlow's and David Gill's two-part documentary, a companion piece to their remarkable *Unknown Chaplin*. On September 21 there will be a performance of *The General*, with live orchestra, at the London Palladium. As a foretaste, the National Film Theatre is presenting the remaining 11 silent Keaton features, throughout this month.

Keaton never dates. He evolved his own pure, classic film style, quite independent of the mannerisms of the period. His approach to film-making

was pragmatic: trained in solving stage problems during an apprenticeship in vaudeville that began at the age of five, his staging, timing, photography and editing were always simply and elegantly designed to provide the most expressive arena for his comedy.

The comedy is incomparable. He was unique among the great silent comedians in his ability to build his gags into unbroken and progressively escalating trajectories, generally involving extraordinary feats of acrobatics, which Keaton seemed to perform as easily as he breathed. Tonight the NFT is showing *Seven Chances*, which climaxes with Keaton eluding an army of would-be brides — furies in orange-blossom and lace — and pelting down a 45-degree hillside, pursued by an avalanche of gigantic rocks.

He was a great actor. The myth of "the great stone face" is misleading. "I had other ways to show I was happy", he said. A flicker of an eyelid or a muscle on Keaton's eerily beautiful face can be more expressive than any words, as love dawns, or an idea takes birth in his mind — for with Keaton we are always made aware of a mind and soul at work. Every limb and gesture was expressive: at half a mile distance, or disguised in a diving suit (*The Navigator*), the brave, ridiculous figure remains unmistakable.



The guiding spirit of Torre del Lago: Puccini carried home triumphant from his efforts to reduce the local bird population

Distinctly jolly monument

John Higgins finds Puccini's *La Bohème* very much at home in Torre del Lago

Bohème at the open-air theatre of Torre del Lago should stand a fair chance of getting to the core of Puccini. The village which was the composer's home for so many years and the only place where he declared himself truly happy remains a distinctly jolly monument to him. In spirit it seems a hundred miles from the Edwardian staidness of Viareggio, the nearest town, instead of being a mere 10 kilometres away down Italy's west coast.

When the performances end, around midnight, the lakeside cafes take on the bustle of Mornas itself. The best of them, Antonio, has a mighty display of Pucciniana down one long wall and down the other an aviary including some of those wading birds the master used to like to shoot hereabouts. Another, with the legs of its ancient balcony firmly planted in the marshes, still bears the name of the Manfredi family, whose Doria caused Elvira Puccini so much jealousy.

Few voices other than that of Puccini himself are to be heard here. Some years ago there was a performance of

The Turn of the Screw at a deserted and crumbling church: the setting caused excitement, the attendances did not. Other composers tend to be admitted on a support basis: this year Ravel's *L'Heure espagnole* is paired with *Gianni Schicchi* (which will let a new generation hear Taddei in the title role and Fedora Barbieri as Zita); next year *Car* is twinned with *Tuhami*. Anyone off to the ballet this weekend will see *O soave fanciulle*, based inevitably on Puccini heroines.

Torre's new artistic director, Renzo Giaccheri from the Arena di Verona, has been having an effect. The immense stage abutting the lake has been given a rake and the 3,800-seat arena a splash of red carpet. Two long screens have been constructed at the side to deaden both the rustling of the plane trees on windy nights — and there are a few — and the occasional cry of the happy campers on the site nearby. Giaccheri's supporters even claim that he has solved the mosquito problem.

less appropriately, into Schumann's poetic *Waldszenen*. After the interval came Bach and Samuel Barber: a somewhat aggressive account of Bach's D major Toccata, BWV 912, and Barber represented by his impassioned Piano Sonata, here getting its full quota of virtuoso force

but there is still the occasional obbligato from the wild ducks whose forebears obviously seduced the Puccini aim.

Bohème itself was a clear demonstration of the strengths and weaknesses of open-air opera. With a stage the length of the Champs-Élysées there was little hope of creating the intimacy of the outer acts: a few chimney-pots dotted being *sous les toits de Paris*. But Act II was a total success in Stefano Piacentini's generally scrupulous production, apart from a few daubs masquerading as Marcello's paintings. The Café Mornas was a razzle-dazzle of colour and bustle with, by the look of things, every extra Torre del Lago could muster.

Torre's cast was led by the husband-and-wife team of Veriano Luchetti and Mietta Sighele, and for once it was the less famous partner who made the running. Sighele's Mimi has the artistry of simplicity, a natural young girl whose head is too easily turned, and she

floated "Mi chiamano Mimi" out into the evening air with shy charm. Luchetti's Rodolfo is handsome but over-mature with too much graininess in the tone, perhaps the result of singing at Verona, which is not exactly a restful experience. But Sighele was there too.

The other Bohemians were more successful: Giovanni de Angelis a highly sympathetic Marcello, the young bass Armando Caforio a Colline of considerable stature. Lucrezia Bizzzi's Musetta lacked panache and it was questionable whether this was the right role for her.

Torre's main problem, though, seems to be the orchestra. The one imported from nearby Lucca could have done with considerable strengthening in most departments and was poorly conducted by Marcello Panni.

By the time Mimi was on her deathbed the thunder was rolling around the lake and the lightning picking out the hills on the far side of the water. It would have been a marvellous setting for *William Tell*. The problem is that Puccini did not write it.

and fury. Warzycki is at his strongest in this sort of music.

One unexpected and admirable feature: the programme-notes were exemplary in their ability to set the pieces in a wider context.

Richard Fairman

Music rings out at last

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

SCO/Davies
Usher Hall

With this superbly prepared concert Edinburgh's resident band, the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, demonstrated what an accomplished ensemble it has become and how keenly its players are responding to Sir Peter Maxwell Davies, its associate composer and conductor. But something more urgent was achieved, too. The musical side of this festival, which had begun to seem like the night of the living dead, suddenly came good. There was vitality; there was something for the audience to argue about, and a sense of pride in the playing.

For this lapse in festival planning one can quickly absolve the new Toru Takemitsu piece of any responsibility. *Nostalghia* — In Memory of Andrei Tarkovsky, commissioned by the Scottish Post Office but not exactly stamped with inspiration, made 12 minutes pass very slowly.

It may be argued that Tarkovsky sometimes made two hours pass very slowly, and that Takemitsu's sombre harmonies, over which a solo violinist (Sir Yehudi Menuhin) articulated shakily rising arpeggios, captures the misty elegiac quality of some of Tarkovsky's screen images. Nevertheless, it did strike one as Berg's Violin Concerto reincarnate, but with all the anger and pity removed, leaving just the dull ache of resignation.

Earlier, Maxwell Davies had conducted a brilliantly precise performance of his own *Sinfonietta accademica*. Even without the colourful Orkney pointers which the composer provides, the work would hold the ear by its orchestral craftsmanship. One thinks particularly of the jagged brass outbursts, wildly imaginative in detail, or the mellow desolation of the slow movement, or of the Finale's virtuosic wind duets.

The evening's chief revelation, however, was Maxwell Davies's interpretation of Beethoven's "Eroica" Symphony: a reading of exceptional clarity, devoid of obvious eccentricity, while yet somehow stripping away tradition to reveal unexpected vistas.

He accomplished this partly by tempo: for example a fast one-in-a-bar for the opening movement that skimmed through all the usual cataclysmic rallentandos. The scherzo (with the SCO horns in nimble form) was similarly airy and brisk. But more often it was the aptness of the dynamic shading that made the music sound so fresh, particularly the daring, quickfire accents applied to the fast movements and, with a more expressionist feel, to the Funeral March.

Here, the bold shaping of the bass grace-notes — sometimes brutally clipped like the thud of a falling body, elsewhere drawn out into a lugubrious cantabile — was one of many instances which showed the advantage of using a responsive small orchestra in this music. Now Sir Peter should do it with original instruments.

Richard Morrison

A good start

THEATRE

Bless the Bride
Sadler's Wells

The first act of this famous old Vivian Ellis musical takes triumphantly to the London stage again, scheduled for a mere six weeks before the Royal Thai Dancers move into the Wells, though I cannot think that 66 weeks would exhaust its potential audience.

The musical has a second act too, where the joyful inventiveness of the production's first half, its country-house charm and the reality (near enough) of the characters take an evident dip. I dare say the same sag occurred back in 1947 at the show's first appearance, because it is A.P. Herbert's book that temporarily loses itself, altering the tone by making previously sober Victorian characters cut capers. We are in Paris by this time, and in those early years the very thought of Paris afflicted most English hearts with a softening of the heart.

But the opening half is a marvel, from the moment the curtain rises upon Tim Goodchild's prospect of soaring topiary and croquet being played by pretty groups of girls in paler shades of cream.

Lacy, the eldest, is about to be married to a ham-fisted aristocrat — Simon Williams, generally totting into any farcical role enough to come near him. How, unlike his amiable friend Pierre, a man who shows his early stuff by not bothering to wear white gloves for dinner. Sure enough he tells Lucy "You shall come with me to France", kisses her, and the orchestra sets off on

the first of the show's undoubted evergreens. "I Was Never Kissed Before" and "This Is My Lovely Day", heard a million times on *Housewife's Choice*, gain immeasurably in quality as in interest when seen in context.

Singing the role of Lucy, Jan Hartley (who is inexplicably seventh in the billing) brings to it a heart-catching purity of voice, superb breath-control and a sense of truthful, artless joy wonderful to witness. As the man who shares her lovely day Bernard Alane's singing invests quite prosaic words with an emotional charge, words as sober as *table*, though admittedly a table for two.

Herbert's lyrics bear messages of tenderness through his precise use of simple words; it is a skill that can also produce something as witty as "The Fish", a song new to me, delivered by Peter Durkin's scornful café-owner in an absurd Basic English.

The show has the confidence to make fun of comic opera's conventions, as when hero and heroine have never been kissed before, and Ruth Madoc, shameless in scarlet, comments tartly through gaps in the greenery. In the second half, though jolly use is made of boats on artificial waves, the comedy develops an anxious air, as if it were trying to put off the inevitable happy end for as many scenes as possible.

The high point of Christopher Renshaw's direction is the soaring ensemble number, hooeying "The Family", a stunning moment that isolates 25 singers on a double staircase posed as in a photograph. Scenes like this, where song, sentiment and staging come wonderfully together, act as a real tonic to the heart.

Jeremy Kingston

Royal Borough
Royal Court
Upstairs

This show demonstrates the adage that more means less. Marty Cruickshank is credited as principal writer. Congreve and Rattigan rate a mention, five other contributors are named and tributes paid to "the people of Kensington and Chelsea". But it is not the number of cooks that spoils this broth so much as the quantity of ingredients, scores of little bits of testimony thrown together in hope of making (to change the image) a vivid mosaic of life as lived in London's liveliest borough.

With all this evidence, genuine or imagined, from Chelsea pensioners, Chelsea footballers, Kensington hostesses, Earls Court addicts, shopkeepers, immigrants, socialites and punks, it is not difficult to deduce the presence of a multi-faceted society. What is puzzling is that Cruickshank and the director, Simon Curtis, should be content to offer the surface glitter of these facets and so very little of the depths within.

Richard Fairman

And so little that is specific to the Borough, at least in the longer episodes. Eamon Boland's disillusioned old soldier conveys the banality of the regime at the nearby Royal Hospital, but there is no discernible reason for including the deranged Iranian at the laundrette nor for the time allotted to the hazards of Aids.

The evening begins with a quick trip round Sloane Square, where the genial cast confide such vital facts as the year the tube station opened and the number of panels of glass (48) in the east window of the church. This is all too reminiscent of Steinberg's *New Yorker* cartoon of the United States showing Manhattan drawn in detail and everything else ignored.

Back in the theatre, reached by way of the fire-escape, the windows of the upstairs stage are found to be flung wide open, and sky-coloured doors fixed to the rear wall as in a painting by Magritte. Pleasant to look at, there is no thematic relevance in Annabel Temple's design. Like the spoken material the charm is superficial, untroubled by the desire for insight.

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BOOKS

The piety and the porn

Glynis Boyd-Hart

Peter Ackroyd looks at the life of a Victorian purple poet, who was both child and victim of the decadent era

At the age of seventeen, Arthur Symonds began a terrible journey. "I wish very much that I could get some literary employment," he wrote to a friend who had the privilege of contributing to the *Western Mail*. "How did you begin?" His head was full of books, and he was already writing poetry with the fatal precocity of a young man for whom nothing outside words is real. But he was beginning his journey towards literary eminence in 1882, and the time was not auspicious. There is a theory that each decade resembles its counterpart in previous centuries, so that the 1980s resemble the 1880s, and the 1990s, and so on. It is an admirable theory, as theories go; certainly we are now entering our own *fin-de-siècle*, with the added if somewhat morbid charm of ending a millennium at the same time, and there may be a moral in the less than moral life of Arthur Symonds.

For there was a sense in which he was a true child of his age. The Eighties were a time in which the really effective writing was portrayed either in terms of "Decadence" or "Symbolism". The favoured words of the time include "curious", "strange", "magical", "perfunctory", all of them suggesting the rich but ultimately doomed quest of the house flowers; any achievement in such an atmosphere may be purchased only at great cost. But that there was achievement is not in doubt, a breath of welcome stale air after the gustiness of the mid-Victorians. Someone is probably even now writing a thesis on the Celtic dominance of the Eighties and Nineties — Symonds himself a Cornishman, Yeats, Wilde, Lionel Johnson (an honorary Irishman, at least), and John Davidson being only the most prominent members of an unofficial party dedicated to the destruction of English conventions and the parody of English styles. In this interesting study Karl Beckson shows very clearly how such a set of attitudes is firmly connected with the equally "un-English" modernism of

ARTHUR SYMONDS. A LIFE
By Karl Beckson
Oxford University Press, £35.00

our own century. Yeats's concern with "the pure work" quickly became a version of *l'art pour l'art* that was to be enshrined in the work of Pound and of Joyce, and the Symbolist belief in the transcendental power of Art became an important stepping stone in the early theorising of TS Eliot.

And, as Beckson points out, Arthur Symonds himself was the single most important conduit for this vital cultural transference. It was his major work, *The Symbolist Movement in Literature*, which Eliot called a "revelation" and which profoundly affected Joyce and Pound. It was his testament, but it was also the testament of the late nineteenth century both in his celebration of the *poète maudit* and in its avowal of Art as a "sacred ritual" which may only be vouchsafed to a few initiates.

So why is it that Symonds has been almost entirely forgotten? Like Lionel Johnson he was a poet and, like Pater, he was a critic; he even occasionally wrote verse dramas, in the manner of Wilde. But in his own lifetime he was never treated very seriously, and, unlike those other contemporaries, he is now no longer read. He had one immediate problem, of course: he wrote too much literary journalism.

Journalism ought to be a side-show, but he was a poet who needed to earn a living and so it became his most important activity. Nothing could have been more fatal both to his style and to his reputation.

But other writers have triumphed over even so hideous an obstacle as this, and the flaws in Symonds's work must in the end be traced to weaknesses in his own temperament. His father was a respectable Wesleyan minister but even in his early



years he was interested in those who dwelt beyond the confines of the elect — the gypsies, the tramps, the "Bohemians", all of them summed up in his life-long attraction to the "low" artists of the music hall and in his devotion to the myth of the doomed poet. In his attempt to escape from his puritanical upbringing, therefore, he embraced the opposite extreme. But if he was a philanderer he was one who interpreted his sexual excesses (or fantasies, as some called them) with the religious ardour of his childhood, thus producing an exotic but not particularly inspiring mixture of the sinner and the putative saint, the pornographic and the pious. His work was unbalanced, and as a result it has not endured.

But in this, too, he can be seen as a representative writer of his age. One

of his closest friends was Havelock Ellis, after all, and no decade has been so obsessed with sex as the Nineties. So it was that Symonds became the spokesman for "Decadence" in all its aspects — an oversublimating refinement upon refinement", he called it, "a spiritual and moral perversity".

And he was a child of his age, too, in the sense that he sought "impressions" and "sensations" without trying to integrate them into some more substantial whole. Even if it is possible to treat Art as a "sacred ritual", the danger is of incurring something close to religious despair when under these circumstances Art (as it must) fails.

Indeed in 1908 Symonds had a nervous breakdown which, in

Beckson's words, was a "symbolic death". He recovered but he had lost all his mental and imaginative powers, and was very quickly considered to be a relic of the Nineties: he was living off memories and republished essays, no more than a slowly depreciating amount of literary capital. It comes as something of a shock to realize that he survived until 1945, but he wandered through the new century like an hallucination of the past. In any other sphere his life might be considered "interesting" or even rewarding; but to be the companion of genius without being a genius yourself, to be forgotten in your lifetime even as your quondam contemporaries are being posthumously honoured — that is a terrible fate. He was according to his biographer, "the complete *homme de lettres*" but that was his tragedy.

The kraken lunchbreaks

FICTION

Andrew Sinclair

THE MEDUSA FREQUENCY
By Russell Hoban
Cape, £10.95

THE BELLES LETTRES PAPERS
By Charles Simmons
Secker & Warburg, £10.95

FATAL CHARMS
By Dominick Dunne
Sidgwick & Jackson, £12.95

AN IRRELEVANT WOMAN
By Mary Hocking
Chato & Windus

The hero of *The Medusa Frequency* talks to the kraken on the monitor of his word processor. He also communicates to the sea monster's mother Eurydice, who is two of his women friends, and the Vermeer portrait of the girl in the blue and yellow headscarf that is the jacket of this book. The Head of Orpheus, which is sometimes a rotting cabbage, converses with the narrator, who does not distinguish between the mythological, the paranormal, and the rational picture of things. The evidence of his senses presents them all as the same.

Everything connects, however weirdly. Like Russell Hoban himself, the narrator is an illustrator of comics who has written novels and sees the world through a "cruel picture-shuffling mind". The novel displays a series of images to read that are taken from computer and imagination, Greek antiquity and Nordic myth, London life and cartoon consciousness. All are shown as equally convincing.

The book questions the very nature of evidence and the reality of perceptions. A dream, a memory, talking to oneself has the same validity as a street scene, an encounter, a *l'ère à l'ère*. These disconnected sketches of modern communication are cross-referenced, creating a conspiracy from apparent inconsequential actions. Russell Hoban is the most original novelist that we have, and in *The Medusa Frequency*, he depicts the shape of things to come.

The Belles Lettres Papers explains how books are sent out to review in New York. Of course, it could not happen here; but the process at *Belles Lettres* is more vicious and considered than Mark Antony and the other Triumvirs pricking off the names of the Senators they are going to proscribe in *Julius Caesar*, and then pricking off each other.

In his wickedly witty novel, Charles Simmons names real names. He presents a hotch-potch of the 25 best living American authors as a publicity campaign for the magazine. Leading writers are chosen to savage other leading writers or to laud them with soft soap. No review appears without malice intended. The self-serving managing editor always looks for *le cliché juste* and the ball-point in the back. There is even a known staff informer to the proprietor, who is excused because he is playing a joke on the system in the system. The final awful magazine editor is deceived into printing nine unknown sonnets by Shakespeare which prove that the Bard was gay.

If Charles Simmons's novel is bookish fiction disguised as fiction, Dominick Dunne's collection of articles, *Fatal Charms*, and *Other Tales of Today*, is a most personal selection of facts that read like fiction. Except for the first tale, which deals with the murder trial of the cook who strangled the author's daughter.

ter, the other tales deal with people whose wealth or celebrity cause them to live lives as fantastic as any mythical creature. Dominick Dunne pads through Palm Beach, the Beverly Hills Hotel, Imelda Marcos's bideaway, Mortimer's in New York, to end up in the mansions of Newport during the von Bilow trial for the attempted murder of his wife. He is like Tobermory, the speaking cat in the Saki story, who has been to everybody's lush and private place.

Only these lives are unreal. Claus von Bilow is described as *rompe l'oeil*. Elizabeth Taylor is called an actress on the way to becoming a legend. Great wealth insulates its possessors from the matter of



Russell Hoban: real and unreal

fact until they play their lives as episodes from Aaron Spelling's *Dynasty*. Of such follies are fables made, and Dominick Dunne is a fabulist and a tale-bearer.

The heroine of *An Irrelevant Woman* is a writer's wife, whose four children have left their home in the country. She finds herself unnecessary, has a breakdown, and gives up the model of her life, which is bringing order to everything that time disorders. She emerges to sell her house and the home that the children have always presumed was theirs. She will now cater to the homeless and care for strangers. Mary Hocking has written a novel of such compassion, insight, and humour that, if she is confused with her heroine and the writer husband, it is because she knows so much that they appear two characters in search of an author.

Tales from the morgue

Jonathan Meades on the philosophic speculations of a nice pathologist

THREE FORMS OF SUDDEN DEATH
By F. Gonzalez-Crussi
Picador £3.50

Dr Gonzalez-Crussi is a Chicago pathologist and Sunday metaphysician. His *Notes of an Anatomist* (same publisher, last year) is a collection of morbidly limpid essays on human anomalies, the strangeness of the body, violence against children, and so on; in it he exhibited a flashy supple prose, a massive and catholic reading habit (which is not quite the same thing as learning), but remained, *au fond*, a man with a scalpel who knows what it is to cut open an embryo. It was his professed discipline that coloured his essays, no matter what else he brought to them.

This time round it is the hobbyist who's in the ascendant; the balance within him has shifted, the avid reader, with the consequence that the special voice has to compete with a chorus of echoes, echoes that contrive to contaminate the special voice itself, and force it into copy archaism and prolixity. Further, the sheer weight of allusion and quotation mites



Eighteenth century spare part surgery by William Hogarth gates the shapeliness of the essays; their frames are invariably masked by fussy *embonpoint*. Arguments are so subsumed by data that one is left with nothing but data. The effect is like that of an encyclopedia whose entries have been subjected to skilful but pointless elisions and random juxtapositions.

The book is best approached as a photo-free version of one of those "popular" large-format jobs with a title like *A Directory of Incredibly Weird Phenomena*. And much that he relates is incredibly weird. It's the sort of stuff that

is a representation of the condition called sleep apnea which causes asphyxiation in the sleeper (I'd say that it is a representation of the sort of dream you cop if, as Fuseli did, you eat raw pork in order to promote "subject material"); the story of a woman who exposes her shrivelled cancerous breast to a young suitor to deter him; an inventory of objects recovered, *post mortem*, from stomachs; Thomas Hobbes's premature birth provoked by his mother's fear of the Spanish Armada; a man whose hernial sac contained a perfectly formed uterus and Fallopian tubes.

Now, all this is jolly entertaining; but here's a digest that will delight those who scout through organs such as the *BMJ* for articles entitled *Penile Injuries From Vacuum Cleaners* and so on. What is troubling is the very thing that Dr Gonzalez-Crussi must forever be thankful for, i.e. the fact that he appears to remain so normal, so humane, so liberal, so decent, a man when his preoccupations (perverse, deadly, sick as a parrot choking on its own vomit) are so abnormal.

He zealously emphasizes the gulf, the distance, that exists between himself and his material; he concerns himself too much with protesting his brain-cred. It would be good to see him come out (as no one says any more), to reveal himself in the medium that begs for him. He need not even use his own name: another doctor, H-P Destouches turned himself into L-F Celine, to signal (if ultimately tragic) effect. The thing is, no one expects writers of fiction to be decent human beings.

Dead eyes

CRIME

Marcel Berlins

AN INFINITE NUMBER OF MONKEYS
By Les Roberts
Macmillan £8.95

It must be dispiriting, being a fictional private eye in Los Angeles, having the memory of Philip Marlowe as a constant companion and reminder of the competition. Not many emerge from this overcrowded pack as anything but worthy imitations. Les Roberts's Saxon (no first name to speak of) should be one of the few: he is literate, tough (of course), and sensitive (he feels for dying plants and falls for vulnerable bruised women). More than that, Roberts is a first-rate writer telling a good, well-paced, hard story revolving on a threat to kill a bestselling writer of crude thrillers.

Shadow Play by John Milne (Heinemann, £10.95). Lame ex-cop James Jenner, now a Canning Town private sleuth, is becoming an extremely interesting character. In his second appearance (*Dead Birds* was the excellent debut) he is summoned to meet a former friend from the force, several years not seen, and finds instead a dead woman, some exhausting action in several countries and a large dollop of ambiguous police behaviour. Milne has a good feel for noble seediness in both people and places; atmosphere is convincing, characters equally.

By coincidence, there has been a clutch of novels from Canada, two of them good firsts. It is far too soon to talk of a Canadian school of detective story writing but the exchange of scenery from below to above the 49th parallel is welcome.

The Goldfish Bowl by Lawrence Gough (Gollancz, £9.95). Lovely Vancouver is presented as a dark and sinister city, with a sniper mass-killer dressed in women's clothes on the loose, a policeman among his victims. The edgy investigating team of

Jack Willows and Claire Parker, trying to find method in apparent randomness, look to have the stamina for many future yarns.

Victims by Shirley Sheel (Macmillan, £8.95). A curious mix of a first novel, showing immense promise but spoiled by episodes of careless writing and plotting, and a dreadful cat. The random killer is in Toronto this time and the ambivalent chaser an obsessive defence lawyer. The story is complex, emotions are strong and muddled, but Shea can write with great force.

A City Called July by Howard Engel (Gollancz, £9.95). A pillar of the Jewish community of a small town near Niagara vanishes with the trust funds. Wisecracking Benny Cooperman's inquiry reveals a mountain of civic corruption and murder. Engel is a smooth and humorous writer, but this one is perhaps over ethnic and not Cooperman's best.

The Marshal And The Murderer by Magdalen Nabb (Collins, £8.95). Swiss pottery student disappears near Florence, the amiably overweight Marshal Guarnaccia turns up the body as well as some dark wartime secrets. Nabb presents Florence without fuss and gush, her italians are believable, non-jokes types, her stories crafted with care. A pleasure to read.

NEW HARDBACKS

The Deputy Literary Editor's selection of interesting books: *Echo of the Guns*, by Harry Siepmann (Hale, £10.95) The letters and diaries of a Royal Field Artillery officer in the First World War.

Beckett's *Later Fiction and Drama*, ed Acheson and Arthur (Macmillan, £27.50) Thirteen essays. There are three kinds of laughter in Beckett: the hollow, the bitter and the mirthless.

1688 Glorious Revolution, by K. Marie Chackfield (Winstanley, £19.95) The bloodless revolution which saved the British from James II, and gave us the Irish "problem" instead.

Bill Burke. *Portraits*, with essay by Raymond Carver. (Collins Harvill, £15.00) Big pics of down-home folks from Kentucky and the deep South. The necks are red, and the collars are blue. *Marlybone Versus the Rest of the World*, by William Rushon (Pavilion Books, £8.95) An "unofficial" illustrated history of the MCC. Like author, like book: a big fat hoot.

W. Somerset Maugham. *The Critical Heritage*, ed Anthony Curtis and John Whitehead. (Routledge and Kegan Paul, £25) Graham Greene, Katherine Mansfield, DH Lawrence, Max Beerbohm, WH Auden; they have all pronounced at some time upon the captain of the literary second XI.

The Cambridge Guide to the Museums of Britain and Ireland, by Kenneth Hudson and Ann Nichols. (Cambridge University Press, £15) There is a Laurel and Hardy Museum in Ulverston. And at Bovingdon, tanks.

Jaguar, by Alan Rabinowitz. (Collins, £15.00) The man's struggle to save the Jaguar in the wild. Good looking beast.

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6.35 *Leon Errol in Spooky Wooley* (b/w).
7.00 *Breakfast Time* includes national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; regional news and travel reports at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25.
8.35 *The First Panther Show*. Cartoons (r).
8.55 *Regional news* and weather.
9.00 *News and weather*.
9.05 *Children's BBC*. Magazine programme presented by Tracy Brabin beginning with episode two of the drama serial *Children's Island* (r).
9.30 *Record Breakers* with Roy Castle. The programme includes an attempt at a high kicks record (r).
10.00 *News and weather*.
10.05 *Neighbours* (r).
10.25 *Play School* followed by *The Panthers* (r).
10.55 *Five to Eleven* featuring children from Strand-on-the-Green Junior School. **11.00** *News and weather*.
11.05 *Zorro's Fighting Legion* (b/w). Episode one of an eight-part changer serial set in the hills of the Cape of Good Hope (r).
11.25 *Wildlife on One*. The story of a troop of baboons living in the hills of the Cape of Good Hope (r).
12.00 *News and weather*.
12.05 *Bonanza*. Western adventures starring Michael Landon and today, Tom Skerritt (r).
12.30 *Regional news and weather*.
1.00 *One O'Clock News* with Philip Hulton. Weather. **1.25** *Neighbours*.
1.50 *International Golf*. First round action in the Benson and Hedges International from Fulford Golf Club, York, introduced by Harry Carpenter. Includes news and weather at 3.00.

BBC2

- 6.55** *Open University: Inner City*. Story - The Developer. Ends 7.20.
9.00 *Coastal AM*.
9.35 *Caesars*.
10.00 *Film: I, Othello* (1958, b/w) starring Vittorio Gassman, Marcello Mastroianni, Claudia Cardinale and Totò. Comedy about a group of inept but ambitious criminals planning the perfect robbery. Directed by Mario Monicelli. In Italian with English subtitles.
10.40 *News*, regional news and weather.
11.00 *International Golf*. First round action in the Benson and Hedges International from Fulford Golf Club, York, introduced by Harry Carpenter.
11.40 *Film: Bullfight* (1958) starring Guy Madison and Rhonda Fleming. Western tale of a handsome young woman who has to marry in order to inherit her father's business. She decides on a man wrongly convicted of murder in the hope that he will not be around for long but the play mixes and her husband begins to tame the tennager. Directed by Harmon Jones.

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- 6.00** TV-am presented by Caroline Righton and Mike Morris. News at 6.00 and 6.30; weather at 6.20 and 6.50; financial news at 6.35; sport at 6.40; and a 6.55. **7.00** *Good Morning*. Introduced by Kay Burley and Mike Morris. News at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; cartoon at 7.25; sport at 7.40; and pop music at 7.55. **8.35** *Widerley* with Timmy Mallett and Michaela Strachan. **9.25** *Thames news headlines*. **9.30** *Singray* (r) 10.00 Jack Holborn. Jack and his friends make their way home (r) 10.30 *University Challenge*. University of St Andrews meet Churchill College, Cambridge. Presented by Bamber Gascoigne. **11.00** *Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends* (r). **11.10** *Puddle Lane*. Puppet series. With Neil Innes (r) 11.25 *Thames news headlines*. **11.30** *Kids Work Out*. Kay Avila talks to child expert, Dr John Pearce, and to worried parents, about why meal-times often end up in family battles 12.00 *The Sunlight*. **12.30** *News with John Suchet* 12.50 *Thames news*. **1.00** *Scarecrow and Mrs King*. The two series again come to the aid of an important English lord and attempt to neutralize a top secret espionage plot. **1.25** *Home Country Club*. Comedy. **2.00** *Password*. Word association game 2.30 *Heirloom*. John Bly meets an expensive teddy bear 3.00 *Take the High Road* 3.25 *Thames news headlines* 3.30 *Sons and Daughters*. Australian family drama serial. **4.00** *Pat Tulp* 4.10 *Bill the Minder* (r) 4.25 *Thames news headlines* 4.30 *The Great*. A rustic cobbler dreams of becoming an audacious hero.

CHANNEL 4

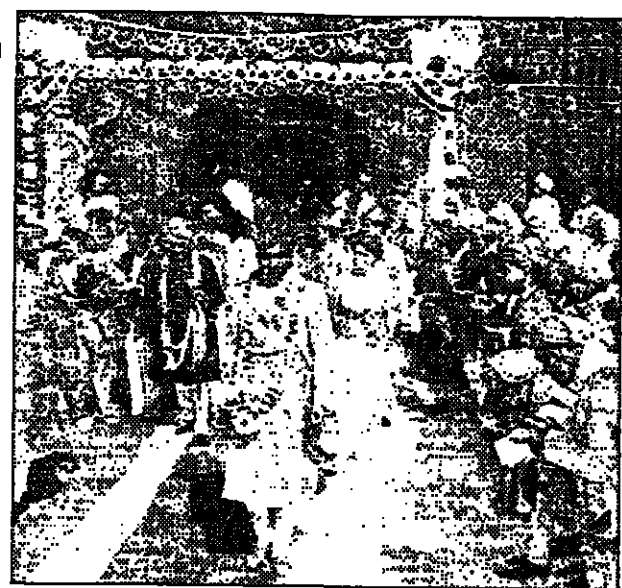
- 2.30** *Film: The 5,000 Fingers of Dr T* (1953) starring Hans Conried and Tommy Rettig. A nine-year-old boy becomes the prisoner of his mad music teacher. Directed by Roy Rowland. **4.10** *Film: Feet From the West* (1938) starring John Wayne. An American millionaire visiting a Mexican village. Directed by Del Lord. **4.30** *Countdown*. Yesterday's winner is challenged by Walker Roberts from Edinburgh. **5.00** *Film: The History of Mr Polly* (1948, b/w) starring John Mills. H.C. Wells' novel about a hen-pecked and unsympathetic draper who eventually leaves his nagging wife to look for happiness elsewhere. Directed by Anthony Pelissier. **6.45** *Film: Solange et le Glaucous* (1936, b/w) starring Jacques Tati. Comedy about a farmhand who sees a boxer training and tries to copy him with hilarious results. Directed by René Clément. **7.00** *Channel 4 News* with Peter Sissons and Anne Perkins.

- 7.50** *Comment on the arts* from video artists Anne Wilson and Mary St James. Weather. **8.00** *Equinox*. The development of a turbocharged Formula One engine. (Oracle) **9.00** *Film: These Glory Days* (1987) starring 200 Nathanson, Sara Sugarman, Cathy Murphy and Liz Campion. A First Love film about four school friends obsessed with Tottenham Hotspur football team and in particular by the captain, Danny Blanchflower. Directed by Philip Saville (r). (Oracle) **10.45** *Cycling: Kellogg's Tour of Britain*. Highlights of the second stage - a 175 mile ride across the Pennines from Newcastle to Manchester. **11.45** *Film: America is Hard to See* (1970, b/w). (See Choice) **1.15** *Film: The Story of the Relationships* between a group of soldiers building a bridge in a town and the local girls. Directed by Rainer Werner Fassbinder. Ends at 2.50.

The passing of the Raj

TELEVISION CHOICE

“Once there was an India ruled by kings. That India is gone and only we, their sons and daughters, remain,” announces one of the subjects of the Maharajahs (BBC2, 9.30 pm). Although the Maharajahs have been “de-recognized” since Independence, those on display here still live in what looks like splendid comfort, and grouse about taxes, which at least gives them something in common with the rest of us. Although “common” is not an appropriate word to describe an elite that behaves in such perfect imitation of the English aristocracy. Personal reminiscences are intercut, to no obvious effect, with a little fictional piece about a young boy taken to a private school where he will become even more of a perfect little gent; we don't learn what the fees are (this is not an inquisitive piece and misses the nosiness of, say, Alan Whicker). During the heyday of the Maharajahs, under British rule, these Indian princes were so powerful and rich that the question of wealth hardly came into it. They wanted for nothing. Consumption was fantastically high: Rolls Royces by the dozen, parades, entertainments, banquets, gifts, dowries. An exhausting schedule, confesses one elderly princess. “Too long, tiring and expensive,” she remembers, then, as an afterthought, adds, “For the people also.” Whereas sons were raised in an Anglicized manner (Eton or Harrow), daughters were brought up in an older tradition, and many were married by arrangement. It was only after the settlement that one young bride persuaded someone to show her a photograph of her future husband. He sits next to her while they



Formerly one of the richest princes of India, The Maharaja of Jaipur (Maharajahs, BBC2, 9.30pm)

watch their home movies, old Kodak spools unwinding evidence of fabulous treasures. Most of the Maharajahs' money has gone now, surrendered or squandered or hidden away. Those left hang on to their dignity, bemoaning the loss of discipline, and run their palaces as hotels for tourists. Long ago the Maharajahs were fierce warriors (“If there was peace, we fought among ourselves,”) who chose death rather than dishonour but they seem fairly tame now, given to slaughtering the wildlife or clay-pigeon shooting. One former ruler tells that he had the powers of hanging and expulsion although he omits to relate whether he exercised them. For all the evidence of still visible wealth, this is not an obviously happy story. In spite of the ceremonies, the withdrawal of one candidate, the assassination of another, and the failure of Eugene McCarthy, who carried the hopes of the country's pacifist youth. It was, in de Antonio's words, “one of the great and pathetic elections,” which he sees as a personal and national turning point. It signified “a leftist's last weep,” and marked a loss of spirit and generosity, which de Antonio connects directly to the failure in Vietnam. His diagnosis is gloomy: “I think we have pawned our future to that dim actor who has a hydrogen bomb for a curtain call.”

Chris Pettit

Revolution by consent

RADIO CHOICE

Mark Tully, the BBC's redoubtable Delhi correspondent, has embarked on a five-part series, *From Raj to Rajiv*, subtitled *40 Years of Indian Independence*. If you missed it yesterday morning, catch the first episode tonight (Radio 4, 7.40pm). It is fine character study, reminiscent of Gerald Butler's recent *Arab World* in its mix of information, insight, and personal experience. The opener concentrates on Nehru, with strong archival material. This is a critical history, giving voice to the doubters and not seeking to blur the negative aspects of Nehru's “revolution by consent”. India's first Prime Minister comes across as “something of a Hamlet”, a quaint dreamer rather than a realist, and “very much a London School of Economics thinker”. This series seems set to earn the label “compulsory listening”. While HMS *King George V* was chasing the *Bismarck*



Nehru: A quaint dreamer

around the North Atlantic, one man aboard had his mind on other things - giving the crew “bowel movements as smooth as the guns they fire.” He was Surgeon-Captain T.L. Cleave, a man with a burning conviction that the lack of a dietary fibre in western diet lay behind a whole range of “diseases of civilization”. It is hard to believe now, when our supermarket shelves are groaning with “added fibre”, that Cleave was, for most of his career, dismissed as an obvious crank. But listening to

Nigel Andrew

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Lawson strikes gold for Britain

By John Spicer

Mr Nigel Lawson and his son, Tom, aged 11, yesterday struck the first Britannia gold coin, the Treasury's answer to the Kruggerand, the Canadian Maple Leaf and the American Eagle.

The Chancellor pulled a lever to strike the first Britannia at the Royal Mint at Llantrisant, South Wales.

Although Mr Lawson and his son set the machinery in motion for the production of Britannias, they will not go on sale to the public until October, when they will be available from banks, building societies and bullion dealers.

The coin is to be minted at four values: the 1 oz with a face value of £100; the ½ oz, £50; the ¼ oz, £25; and the one-tenth oz, £10. But the actual cost of Britannias will depend on the going rate for gold on the day of purchase.

Yesterday the gold in the one ounce coin would have been worth £293 and the coin would have cost about £350. The Treasury points out that as well as the cost of the gold, Britannias will carry a "competitive premium". Purchasers in Britain will also have to pay value-added tax, as on all foreign bullion coins.

Several countries have produced pure gold coins since South Africa stopped producing the Kruggerand in 1985, following the ban on imports by Britain, the US and others as part of sanctions against apartheid.

Last year the Maple Leaf coin captured 65 per cent of the world market. Last October the United States began minting the American Eagle in competition.

Britain's sovereign - first issued in 1489, but only in its present form since 1817 - will continue to be minted, but it is not regarded as a rival to the others because of its unique weight of 0.2354 ozs.

On one side of the Britannia is a portrait of the Queen by the artist Raphael Maklouf, on the other will be a design which will not be revealed until the coins go on sale.

Britannias will be exported to the US, Japan, Hong Kong, Germany and Switzerland.

The Treasury says gold for the Britannias will not be bought directly from South Africa or from the Soviet Union. The gold will be bought on the open bullion market.

But the bulk of the gold on the open bullion market is mined in those two countries - the world's two main producers.

One City dealer commented: "It is an academic point. The gold may come via the Continent, but there is no way that gold coins can be minted without South African or Soviet content".

A Royal Mint spokesman said they would not buy bars of gold bearing South African or Soviet markings.

Seven hurt as runaway train hits station



By Michael Horsnell

Seven people were taken to hospital yesterday after this train ploughed through station buffers at 50mph and demolished a waiting room and lavatory block at Walton-on-the-Naze, Essex.

Firemen with heat-seeking equipment searched the devastated building but no one was inside when the accident happened.

It is believed that the train's brakes failed and that the throttle jammed as it neared the end of its run. The driver escaped from the cab into the first carriage shortly before the impact.

He and a woman passenger suffered broken legs. The other casualties, all passengers and including two children, were treated at Colchester general hospital for cuts, bruises and shock.

About 12 people were on the train, the 13.05 from Thorpe-le-Soken, and others were waiting on the single platform at the seaside station when the accident occurred.

British Rail will hold an inquiry and report to the Department of Transport. A spokesman said: "The building was severely damaged but fortunately it was empty".

An ambulance service spokesman said: "We were lucky it wasn't a

sunny day or there would have been more people on the train".

Services on the branch line, which runs off the main London to Clacton line at Thorpe-le-Soken, were suspended and replaced by a bus link. A pensioner saw his wife die yesterday when she fell from a door on the Poole to Manchester express as it went through a tunnel near Basingstoke, Hampshire.

The dead woman, from Stoke-on-

Trent, has not yet been named and her husband was too shocked to tell police what had happened.

Last night an investigation was underway into the accident. British Transport police said that the couple were believed to have been standing in a corridor when a carriage door flew open, sucking the woman out under the wheels of the Inter-City 125 express.

(Photograph: Peter Davies)

Mellor's attack on Iranian regime

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the West, our commercial and historically friendly ties with the Gulf would be threatened."

He said: "We have each got to take it on the chin but we do not want to stir up trouble."

Earlier Mr Mellor said it was sensible that nations with their ships out in the Gulf should coordinate their activities. To that extent forces from one country were of assistance to forces and shipping from another.

But he emphasized: "This is British naval presence deployed to further the interests of the British naval forces already there. We cannot send our warships and expect them to operate in mined waters if they need minesweepers."

Mr Mellor, standing in for Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, who is on holiday, said that sending minesweepers offered no guarantee of safety to British ships. He denied that the UK was bowing to United States pressure.

But Mr Gerald Kaufman, the shadow foreign secretary, said the move was a mistake and any wider action should be taken through the United Nations.

"This could be the thin end of a very dangerous wedge", he said.

Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark, Conservative MP for Selly Oak, said the great body of British opinion would support the Government in standing up to this "medieval tyrant" - the Iranian leader, the Ayatollah Khomeini.

"They understand that if we do not act now to support our allies, we will assuredly have to fight when the Ayatollah's appetite for martyrdom leads to war," he said.

Meanwhile the merchant navy officers' union, Numsat, called for a United Nations force. Mr John Newman, its deputy general secretary, told Mr Mellor in a 30-minute meeting that 50 per cent of his members working in the Gulf were on foreign vessels and did not qualify for Royal Navy protection.

Afterwards he said Mr Mellor had not ruled a United Nations force out as an option but had voiced the belief that it would be difficult to achieve.

Mrs Thatcher, who began her summer holiday yesterday, was questioned about the decision at a photocall at a golf club in Cornwall.

Asked if she considered she was doing a U-turn she replied: "If there are mines and British ships, naval or tankers, why do you find it so surprising that you send minesweepers?"

She is to be kept informed of events during her 10-day break.

Tehran threatens UK ships

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the area learned of a promise by the Speaker of the Iranian Parliament, Hajatollah Ali Akbar Rafsanjani, to send Iran's own naval vessels searching for mines in the hope that the Iranians themselves could discover their provenance. Tanker captains are fairly certain that it was the Iranians who laid the mines, although they agree that this does not account for the Texaco Caribbean which was carrying Iranian crude oil.

Two of the three oil tankers which were escorted by the Gulf by the US Navy earlier this week were yesterday loading at Kuwait's off-shore terminal and some shipping sources in the country said that the outbound convoy may start its journey back to the Strait of Hormuz on Thursday night - but without the damaged and partially-loaded supertanker Bridgeton, which was struck by a mine on the first convoy to Kuwait.

There were reports yesterday that on the inbound

journey on Tuesday, the Americans had used a local supply vessel packed with sonar equipment as a make-shift mine hunter to precede the three tankers and their four naval escorts.

On the actual Iran-Iraq warfront - which at its closest is scarcely 30 miles from the nearest American warships - Iranian artillery bombarded Iraqi towns for the second consecutive day yesterday in response to Iraq's resumption of attacks on Iranian refineries.

Winds hamper fire fighters on island

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"There were 22 people altogether. They went to alternative sites offered by the tour operators." But yesterday she had new arrivals. Mr Jonathan Andrews, an RAF officer, aged 31, from Norwich, said he had decided to go ahead with his holiday at Lardos rather than go into one of the big hotels in the safety of north Rhodes.

It was the people in the two large hotels north of Lardos who came face to face with the fire as it swept the perimeter of the bay nearby. "Some people panicked and ran to the sea into the paddle boats," said Mr John Hanson, a chemical worker, aged 62, from Bradford, Yorkshire. "We stayed in the lobby where the staff were bringing in wet towels and refreshments throughout the night. They could not have been nicer."

The fire cut off the electricity and water in this area, which meant that air conditioning did not work in the blazing August. But the management of one hotel started its generator and released its water

reserves so that the staff could douse fields around the building. Very few of the clients left the hotel.

Those who did were evacuated to a luxury hotel nearer the city. But they were not happy there. "We booked for a quiet and nice, self-catering holiday to meet the local people," said one of them. "This is a big hotel like any other and we want to go home."

But the tour operators were having trouble with priorities, since there was no room on outgoing planes for all those who wanted to cut short their holidays.

So a complaint to the British vice-consul from Mr Ian Aldridge, an engineer, aged 24, from Norwich elicited promises for earlier flights home. Mr Aldridge and his wife, Hilary, felt they had been let down by the tour operators and often misled about the gravity of the situation.

The bulk of the 15,000 or so British tourists in Rhodes, however, are basking in the sun on the northern part of the island.

Plight of children outrages Russia

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as there were at the end of the Second World War, despite the dislocation of those times.

As of last year, out of a population of 250 million, more than 250,000 children live in children's homes or state boarding schools. Another 729,000 children are supported by the state under guardianship of relatives. Every year around 100,000 children in the Russian Federation alone are taken into care because of poor conditions in the family. In all, around one million Soviet children are deprived of parental care.

Taking the age profile of the Soviet Union into account, this means that roughly one child in every 250 is housed in an institution, while one in seventy is in the care of someone other than their parents. The figures for the Russian Federation, which is where the problem is concentrated, are likely to be much higher.

The most pessimistic figure for Britain would be about about half the Soviet figure, but if the British figure is restricted to those children in long term or permanent care (about 220,000) outside the family home, then it emerges that the Soviet Union has proportionally nearly ten times as many children being cared for outside the parental home as does Britain (500).

A rough breakdown of the Soviet figures offers no consolation. One journalist conducted his own unofficial survey and found that of the 100 children admitted to a Moscow children's home last year, four were abandoned at birth, 22 were rejected while still babies, 16 had been removed from their parents for their own safety, and the rest, that is more than half, had been left without support by their parents. There was not one "genuine" orphan.

Time was in the Soviet Union when the family was considered a subversive unit, because families offered a loyalty that could compete, and might conflict, with loyalty to the state and the Communist Party. Now it is being recognised officially that family life is the foundation of a stable society and state requirements that might conflict with family obligations are being re-examined.

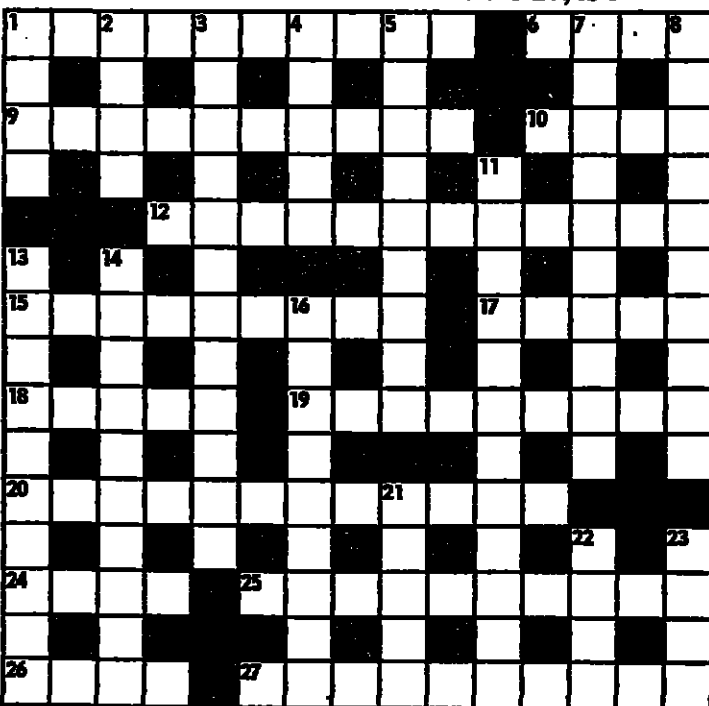
Nuclear blast

Moscow (AP) - The Soviet Union set off a 20 kiloton pre-dawn underground nuclear explosion in the northern Republic of Yakut, the 15th such blast since Mrs Mikhail Gorbachev ended a unilateral test ban nearly six months ago, Tass reported.

Holiday over

Moscow (AFP) - The Laothian Prime Minister, Mr Kayson Phommvihan, left for home after a holiday of more than seven weeks in the Soviet Union, Tass said.

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- The Spanish initially sought her (4).
- Neat square, uncommonly like Joris (10).
- Bismarck's race to occupy centre of wood (4).
- Over-long batting period in backward island (12).
- It records what's due from the fair, it's said (9).
- "Love" in High German means "moonshine" (5).
- A woman backing the high priest (5).
- Mistake, in new site, to practise intimidation (9).
- Condition of young knight, male seal and poet (12).
- Losing his head reduces a bear to bankruptcy (4).
- Choicest compartment for the Dodge, perhaps (10).
- A jerk from Rhode Island? (4).
- Visitation lodged outside royal port (6-4).

DOWN

- How to address a Turkish VIP when demanding compliance? (4).

- Hothead in tower - a real ruffian (4).
- Gaining greater fondness, and inclined to be distrustful? (6-6).
- Mournful numbers providing uplift for English network (5).
- His way to get a medal - with much hesitation? (9).
- Doctor's remedy for broken tibia? No, a nervous twitch (10).
- Make notches on these, perhaps, for recording runs (5-5).
- Right work in collection for mankind's proper study (12).
- Plant brews tarry concoction (10).
- First passage dealing with family descent (10).
- Military display, perhaps it's one making an indecent impression? (9).
- Walker accepted the President in time (5).
- Ohio girl's sanction (4).
- Horses - some connexion with one's shirt (4).

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WEATHER

A cold front will be slow moving over central parts of Britain. Southern England will be dull with occasional drizzle, very humid but not particularly warm. Wales, central England and northern Scotland will be overcast with rain at times, some of it heavy. Northern England will start wet but by midday brighter, drier weather, already over Northern Ireland and southern and central Scotland, will be spreading down. Eastern districts will see some sunshine, and there will be a few showers in the west. Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Mostly fair with some sunshine, but the north will have more rain on Saturday.

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| MIDWAY: C, cloud; D, duck; F, freeze; I, fair; H, fog; F, fair; S, surf; SN, snow; L, thunder. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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Executive Editor
Kenneth Fleet

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FT-SE 100
2286.1 (+10.7)
Bargains
49620 (48770)
USM (Datastream)
210.92 (+5.26)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.5790 (+0.0080)
W German mark
2.9843 (+0.0049)
Trade-weighted
72.5 (+0.3)NatWest
lifts home
loan rate

National Westminster, the biggest housing mortgage lender among the high street banks, has raised its lending rate to new borrowers by 0.75 points to 11.25 per cent, effective from today.

This is the same rate as that announced by leading building societies after the one-per-cent rise in bank base rates a week ago.

About 155,000 existing borrowers who had their interest rate cut only last month will have to pay the new higher rate from September 1. The change will increase the monthly payment on a 25-year £30,000 mortgage by £11.15 for a standard rate taxpayer.

Rover sell-off

Rover Group is to sell its 40 per cent stake in Indian bus and truck manufacturer Ashok Leyland and jointly its 50 per cent shareholding in Ennore Foundries, a components producer. A company spokesman said it also intended disposing of its other overseas truck operations.

Rotork higher

Rotork, the valve control group, made pretax profits of £2.75 million in the six months to June 30, compared with £2.55 million last year. Earnings per share rose from 5.7p to 6p and the dividend is increased from 2.7p to 3.25p.

German drop

West German wholesale prices fell 0.4 per cent in July compared with June, and were 2.1 per cent lower than in July

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones 2675.22 (-5.28p)
Tokyo
Nikkei Dow 2559.28 (+276.31)
Hong Kong
Hang Seng 3557.43 (+10.91)
Amsterdam Gen 333.9 (+1.8)
Sydney AG 2092.4 (+8.2)
Frankfurt
Commerzbank 2044.6 (+8.1)
Brussels
Generale 5395.3 (+53.8)
Paris CAC 597.30 (-4.5)
Zurich S&K Gen 597.30 (-4.5)
London FT A 86.56 (+0.3)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISERS:
Nat West 738p (+18p)
Oakwood Group 750p (+32p)
British Drilling 514p (+22p)
Countrywide Prop 298p (+28p)
Siebe 1048p (+33p)
Brent Walker 373p (+33p)
United News 215p (+12p)
BAT Inds 650p (+21p)
Wellcome 475p (+19p)
WPP Group 800p (+35p)
Union Discount 220p (+30p)
GRE 1030p (+27p)
Inchcape 785p (+30p)
Highland Part 285p (+27p)
Selling Elec 220p (+17p)
Pacer Systems 200p (+17p)
Ryan Int 167p (+17p)FALLS:
Blue Circle 483p (-15p)
Royal Insurance 628p (-13p)
Harris Queensway 189p (-27p)
Prices are as at 4pm

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 10%
3-month interbank 10 1/2-10 3/4%
3-month sight bill 9 3/4-9 1/2%
Buying rate
US Prime Rate 8 1/4%
Federal Funds 5 1/4%
3-month Treasury Bill 5.94-5.93%
30-year bonds 9 1/2-9 3/4%

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GOLD

London Fixing
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close \$462.50-463.00 (\$229.50-230.00)
New York
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NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Sept) pm \$19.50bbl (\$19.97)
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Problems at Queensway wipe £70m off market value

Harris warns
of profits fall

By Lawrence Lever

Harris Queensway, the retailer chaired by Sir Phil Harris, yesterday took the City completely by surprise by warning that problems with its Queensway furniture division meant shareholders should expect a fall of up to 25 per cent in profits for the current year.

The news saw more than £70 million - 16 per cent - wiped off the stock market valuation of the company as its shares fell 31p, from 196p to 165p.

Only two weeks ago the company sacked Mr Peter Carr, its joint chief executive, from his £100,000-a-year job. Sir Phil refused to blame Mr Carr, who has negotiated a six-figure settlement. "I hold myself responsible as chairman of the company," he said.

City analysts had been forecasting pretax profits of between £50 million and £65 million. Some of them increased forecasts after Sir Phil announced improved profits for the first four months of the year at the annual meeting on June 24.

In its last financial year - to January 25 - the company made profits before tax of £50.1 million. However, this included exceptionally high profits of £6.7 million from property transactions.

Yesterday the company said it expected to make pretax profits of between £32 million and £38 million - excluding property dealings.

According to Sir Phil the decline centres upon the move begun last year to take its 512 Queensway furniture stores up market, changing them from discount stores to middle-market, out-of-town suppliers.

Together with Mr Martin Watts, the company's new group managing director, he highlighted three specific problems. Firstly, the introduction of new smaller items - such as cooking, china, glassware and lighting products - had been too rapid and not sufficiently selective.

The problem was compounded by Queensway not having sufficient control systems to identify ranges that

were selling and ensure their replacement.

Finally, the upmarket furniture was not selling well in certain geographical areas - and the furniture industry itself was quiet.

As a result some furniture and small item stock is being written down, and Sir Phil said Queensway's results will be somewhere between losses of £5 million and a break-even position. Last year it contributed £9-£10 million to profits.

Mr Watts said the basic strategy of repositioning the Queensway stores had been correct, but the timing and implementation were wrong and would be modified.

Sir Phil promised to rectify two main criticisms of the company in recent years - lack of communication to the City and a failure to break down its results from its various actions. "Over the last 18 months I haven't been talking to the City very much. I wanted the City to understand that it was not just me running the company."



Not sitting comfortably: Queensway's Sir Phil Harris

Is the bottom falling out of Sir Phil's furniture empire?

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

Sir Phil Harris, chairman and chief executive of the Harris Queensway empire with a range from furnishings to toys, has for some time been trying to shrug off his old image as a retailer selling on keen prices.

The disclosure on losses in the furniture division, which accounts for close on half the group's sales, shows how tough it is trying to wipe out

any suspicion that Harris Queensway is a yesterday's retailer.

In furniture, together with floor coverings, Harris Queensway is rated market leader ahead of MFI (on which Asda-MFI has hoisted a "for sale" sign). At the beginning of this year, Harris Queensway claimed some increase in market share - with better gross margins - but it now looks as if its market share has been clipped.

But the group is fighting against a furniture market which has been largely stagnant for five years. Last year, 40 per cent of consumers spent no money on furniture.

To get more customers into its 512 furniture outlets under the Queensway, Harris Furnishing and Vogue Living banners, the group aimed to provide a broader range of products. Customer service was also to be improved.

One of the criticisms of the

furniture and floor coverings market is that few retailers have come up with new ranges and presentation to stimulate the sort of excitement which in clothes retailing has pushed up trading.

When Mr Peter Carr, as joint chief executive last May, took charge of furnishings among other divisions, Sir Phil had clearly looked to him to inject more retailing excitement through livelier merchandizing and greater

fashion consciousness. Mr Carr had joined the group from Debenhams.

At the end of July, when Mr Carr was dismissed, Sir Phil said Mr Carr had moved too quickly in trying to upgrade furniture ranges away from the core of low-priced goods.

Now that he is back holding the reins of the group as chief executive, Sir Phil has to prove that he can still produce a retailing success in today's circumstances.

Exporters
increase
marginsBy Rodney Lord
Economics EditorExporters have used last year's depreciation of the pound to increase their profit margins rather than compete on price, according to an article in the latest *Bank of England Quarterly Bulletin*. This has been easier because manufacturers may have been trading up to produce higher-value goods.

Since about 1980, the terms of trade - the ratio of export to import prices - has been comparatively stable following the steep fall in the early 1970s caused by the rise in oil prices and the succeeding recovery.

Previous depreciations of sterling tended to be used by manufacturers to improve their cost competitiveness, leading to an adverse movement in the terms of trade, balanced in some cases by an improvement in trade volumes.

Last year's depreciation has been used by manufacturers to increase their margins which in view of the increase in export volume earlier this year, indicates an improved "supply side" response from industry. Although the exchange rate fell faster between 1974 and 1978 than between 1982 and 1986, exporters' margins have increased faster during the more recent period.

Evidence for manufacturers trading up by producing goods of higher value is inconclusive.

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Ultramar in black
with £21.6 million

By Carol Ferguson

Ultramar is back in the black. Determined management action has resulted in interim profits from continuing operations of £21.6 million in the six months to June 30, compared with a loss of £5 million for the corresponding period last year.

Mr Lloyd Bensen, chairman, said the group was making further progress towards its objective of adapting to the changed conditions facing the oil industry.

"This involves devoting most of our resources to our core businesses in Indonesia, eastern Canada and the UK North Sea. We are also strengthening our financial position by the sale of peripheral assets and refinancing loans," he said.

The dividend, which was halved in 1986 after being static for two years, is to resume an upward trend. The interim dividend of 2.3p net represents a 15 per cent increase over last year.

The share price rose 6p on the news to 290p.

Mr Ron Brierley, the New Zealand entrepreneur, owns just more than 13 per cent of the shares.

The recovery in Ultramar's fortunes is principally attributable to its Canadian operations which contributed £35.4 million, nearly three times the previous year.

Ultramar has been integrating Gulf's marketing assets, acquired at the beginning of

1986. More than 75 per cent of the Gulf service stations have been rebranded, costs cut and service improved.

The Quebec refinery averaged 90,000 barrels a day in the first six months of this year, and the higher-value light product yield rose to nearly 87 per cent.

Indonesia, the other main profit centre, contributed £14 million, £3.3 million less than last year. The fall in the oil price has led to lower liquefied natural gas prices.

The group made losses on its Canadian and US oil and gas production, and made a £3.4 million profit in the North Sea.

Interest costs remained high at £15.1 million, but were significantly below the £24.3 million for the comparable period.

As part of its cost-cutting exercise, the group is moving its London headquarters to smaller, less expensive premises at Moorgate, in the City.

The pretax profit for the six months was £28.1 million, after crediting a £5.6 million gain on the disposal of land in Florida as an exceptional item.

The disposal of the British marketing assets to Kuwait Petroleum International for £50 million earlier this year gave rise to an extraordinary credit of £26.5 million.

Ultramar has been integrating Gulf's marketing assets, acquired at the beginning of

US offshoot lifts
Smith & Nephew

By Alexandra Jackson

A continued strong performance from the US business, Richards Medical, helped Smith & Nephew, the health and household products group, to report interim profits of £48.4 million to end June, in line with market expectations.

There had been concern that the acquisition of Richards Medical at the end of last year would dilute 1987 earnings per share, but its better-than-expected results have scotched these worries.

An interim dividend of 1.4p was declared. This 69 per cent increase goes some way to removing the imbalance between the interim and final payments and should not be

taken as a measure of the likely rise for the full year.

Turnover rose only 19 per cent to £251.6 million owing to adverse currency movements. Successful forward covering of currencies reduced the pretax damage to £500,000.

Results from the home-based medical businesses fell short of expectations owing to a fall in demand from the Middle East. Sales of textiles, and of personal hygiene and first aid products were strong.

British Tissues was hit by increasing competition and high raw material costs, while currency weakness affected results from Mexico.

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NatWest caps
rate rises

The National Westminster Bank yesterday launched a facility to cap interest rates for corporate customers, enabling companies to limit the effect of base rate rises on their borrowing. NatWest claims to be the first bank to offer such a facility.

The NatWest base rate cap sets a ceiling on the interest rate the customer pays on his borrowings if base rates rise. The customer continues to benefit from any fall in base rates.

The bank charges a premium for the cap, according to the risk, time period and amount covered. It is sold separately from borrowings.

CU increases
dividend 20%
on interim leap

By Colin Campbell

Commercial Union Assurance Company, which in 1984 and 1985 was savaged by multi-million pound losses from its United States operations, yesterday started to win back the hearts of the City with a strong set of interim pretax profits and a 20 per cent rise in the interim dividend, which was widely described as generous.

Pretax profits for the six months to June were £82.1 million compared with £41.1 million in the same period last year, thanks to a generally better second quarter, but in particular to a strong performance in Britain.

Commercial Union earned an underwriting profit of £8.2 million from British operations in the April-June quarter, compared with a previous £5.2 million loss, to trim the six months underwriting loss in Britain from £21.1 million to £1.9 million. CU's total underwriting loss from all markets in which it operates fell from £115 million to £82.2 million.

The overall outcome from the home market - which at 38 per cent is the group's most important geographical area - was a six-month pretax profit of £60.3 million, compared with a £34.3 million profit a year earlier.

Highlights outlined by Mr Tony Brend, chief executive, include:

● Non-life premium income rose by 11 per cent to £1.12 billion.

● Investment income was £120 million against £115.8 million.

● Life profits rose from £35.8 million to £39.6 million.

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Excilibur set for
£5.95m expansion

By Ray Heath

Excilibur Jewellery, the watchstrap manufacturer, is being reincarnated as a precision engineering group by Mr Michael Griffith, the former Ford dealer, who took control of the Birmingham-based group in April.

Shares in Excilibur were suspended at 101p yesterday, compared to the 15p at which they were standing when Mr Griffith moved into the shell company.

The suspension was requested to allow Robson Precision Industrial and a clutch of silver and gold jewellery manufacturers to be reversed into the company.

Backed by Samuel Montagu, the merchant bank, Mr Griffith has launched a big rights and loan stock issue by Excilibur to finance the initial £5.95 million expansion plan for the company.

It is raising £4.29 million

through the rights, although the size of the issue is dependent on completion of the Robson purchase.

Excilibur was once to watchstraps what Hoover is to vacuum cleaners, but faced with an onslaught of rubber-strapped digital watches, profits of £5 million in the early part of this decade became losses of £255,000 last year.

Together with his brother Richard, a former stockbroker on the Isle of Man, Mr Griffith intends to develop Excilibur as a technology-based aerospace group, with growing involvement in nuclear energy and Ministry of Defence contracts, while retaining its interests in its traditional jewellery business.

Excilibur is paying £4.75 million for Robson, which in the year to end-March made profits of £632,000 on turnover of £2.7 million.

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Takeover bid 'imminent' for Conran's Storehouse

Zetters unveils plan to spin off bingo clubs

By Cliff Feltham

Zetters, the football pools promoter, is parting company with its chain of bingo clubs, which are to be spun off into a separate publicly-quoted business.

The move will enable the clubs to expand faster through acquisition — although it will possibly leave them more vulnerable to a takeover bid — and permit Mr Paul Zetter, chairman of Zetters, to retain a firm grip on the pools side.

As part of the demerger plan, shareholders will be offered two shares in the new company, to be called Zetters Leisure, for every one now held. Dealings are expected to begin on the stock market on September 7.

Mr Zetter, aged 64, admitted that the profits from the pools had enabled the group to increase the size of the bingo clubs from one outlet in 1968 to 28 today. They account for about two thirds of operating profits for the group, whose managing director is Mr Jim Clarke.

"But we have found that the retained earnings from pools, which have in the past provided the additional funding required for the expansion of



Set for demerger: Paul Zetter (right), chairman, and Jim Clarke, managing director

the bingo business, are no longer adequate," said Mr Zetter.

But the real snag facing him is that the agreement covering his lucrative stake in the Spotting-the-Ball competition — in partnership with Verano and Littlewoods — will be terminated if his family loses

effective control of the Zetters group.

This means he has been virtually barred from issuing any shares to pay for the acquisition of new bingo clubs because it would dilute his stake below its present level of 51 per cent.

"I have been thinking

about this problem for the past year and decided that a demerger would suit everyone. It would enable the family to retain control of the pools company and give the bingo business a chance to stand on its own feet and expand," he said. But Mr Zetter admitted that this could leave the bingo company — which could interest big players such as Rank, Mecca and Granada — open to a bid.

Meanwhile, the pools side has linked up with an unnamed insurance group for a pilot mail shot which will be delivered with the pools coupon. Mr Zetter hopes this could pave the way for generating extra revenue.

Along with the demerger proposals, Mr Zetter reported that pretax profits for the year to March 31 rose from £1.8 million to £2 million, on turnover of £30.5 million, up from £27.9 million.

Earnings per share rose 15 per cent to 19.85p and the board is recommending a final dividend of 4.1p, making a total for the year of 5.5p, compared with 5p previously.

On the stock market Zetters shares, which have been rising sharply in anticipation of the demerger news, added a further 19p to 405p.

Bank issues loan risk guide

By Our City Staff

The Bank of England has issued guidelines to enable banks to assess the level of provisions they should make against their loan exposure to less developed countries (LDCs).

Circulated in the form of a checklist, the guidelines set out basic country-risk criteria in three categories — moratoriums, arrears and general economic indicators.

A Bank of England spokesman said they were aimed at about 100 banks which have yet to make provisions and are designed only as a basis for discussion with Bank supervisors.

The guidelines will not apply to Britain's big four clearing banks, which, between them, have already set aside £3 billion provisions this year, following Citicorp's lead.

In a move which took the banking world by surprise, Citicorp last May made country-by-country provisions which amounted to 25 per cent of its loans to LDC debtors with payment difficulties.

The provisions of the British clearers range between 25 and 30 per cent.

"There are still quite a lot of British banks which we would like to see make provisions," said the Bank spokesman.

The guidelines award danger points within each of the country-risk categories. The higher the country's score, the riskier it is judged to be.

For example, a country which has had a moratorium in effect for more than a year is given the maximum 10 points but another which has the far less serious problem of inability to cover imports for more than four months will only be given two points.

The Bank spokesman stressed that regulators would be looking at the three categories as a whole, rather than insisting that provisions be made because of high score in just one.

Go-ahead for acquisitions

The National Australia Bank's acquisition of two Midland Bank subsidiaries was approved yesterday by Lord Young, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry. Lord Young has decided not to refer the acquisition of Clydesdale Bank and Northern Bank to the Monopolies Commission.

Midland is selling the banks as part of a financial restructuring package designed to boost its capital position.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Manufacturers have never had it so good

Those who protest that Thatcherism doesn't work and lament the economy's shrinking manufacturing base cannot possibly include manufacturers, or indeed any commercial companies. As the Bank of England's latest compilation of figures for company profitability shows, without a shadow of a doubt they have never had it so good. And while it is true that certain external factors beyond even Mrs Thatcher's extraordinary powers to control have had a beneficial influence, neither diluted socialism nor wet Conservatism would, in a thousand years, have revived British industry's spirits, let alone its fortunes as seven years of Thatcherism have done.

In 1986, the gross trading profits (net of stock appreciation) of industrial and commercial companies (ICCs), excluding those in the separated North Sea sector, rose by 19 per cent — the fifth annual increase in a row. The real pretax rate of return climbed above 8 per cent — its highest level since 1973 and massively above the 1981 figure of 3 per cent.

In contrast, profits of companies engaged primarily in North Sea business dropped by more than half last year, but their real rate of return was still above that of non-North Sea companies. For all ICCs profits fell by 4 per cent.

This difference in financial performance is explained by the collapse in oil prices but it does not diminish the significance of the improving financial performance of non-North Sea companies. They were operating in a favourable economic environment, reflected most strongly in buoyant consumer spending. This went up last year in real terms by 5 per cent and was 16 per cent higher than in 1979 when Mrs Thatcher came into office.

In previous post-war years a spending spree on this scale would have been a short step to huge import bills and a serious balance-of-payments crisis. But the Tories wisely chose to devalue sterling before the storm. The 13 per cent fall in the pound's value between 1985 and the end of 1986 helped the home producers to keep their share of the UK market.

Up to a point, the manufacturers did their bit. By the fourth quarter, productivity was 6 per cent higher than a year earlier and had reached a level 30 per cent above the previous cyclical peak, in 1979. The rise last year was not particularly outstanding but, in the Bank of England's own carefully chosen words, "coming as it did after five years of sustained output growth and a levelling off of productivity during 1985, it suggests that the painful structural adjustments that occurred within the manufacturing sector following the cyclical downturn of 1979-80 may now be leading to a higher sustainable rate of productivity growth."

Industry's bonus came in the shape of cheaper oil and raw materials. Manufacturers paid 8 per cent less for them in 1986, having paid 1.5 per cent more the

previous year. This was sufficient to offset increases in unit labour costs, leading to wider margins (and higher profits) while slowing down the rise in their output prices.

Manufacturers' margins thus improved for the sixth consecutive year, widening to an extent beyond anything seen in recent cycles. This is not due, simply to depressed oil prices since they have subsequently recovered half their 1986 falls while margins have been maintained.

This *annus mirabilis* for British manufacturers was not marked by a sharp increase in their output (a mere ¾ per cent); nor did their excellent profits and the prospect of continuing growth in the economy inspire them to fresh heights of industrial investment — the one genuine cause for concern. But they were eager to pay out more in dividends — which had something to do with increased earnings but more, in the Bank's splendid euphemism, with "companies' desire to signal likely future improvements in performance in order to stimulate continued investor confidence in capital markets".

As every schoolboy knows, there was unusually high takeover activity last year — around £13.5 billion worth. In constant price terms, this was about on a par with earlier takeover peaks but the pace quickened in the third and fourth quarters when, in each quarter, there were more than 400 acquisitions. Nothing like this had been seen since 1973 — the year of the property company and secondary bank crisis — and it undoubtedly concentrated boardroom minds.

Like bid and merger activity, capital issues rose markedly last year. The move to substitute equity for increasingly expensive debt gained momentum, as did the shift away from bank borrowing to more marketable forms of financial debt. Corporate willingness to restructure balance sheets towards longer maturity debt may, in the Bank's view, indicate a consolidation in expectations of greater stability for inflation and interest rates over the medium term.

Balance sheets are, in fact, looking stronger now than they have done for several years. Profits are expected to continue rising this year when it is already evident that margins in manufacturing are significantly higher than they were in 1986. On the other side of the account, capital spending may be rising and tax payments are likely to be higher, leaving the financial balance of non-North Sea companies substantially reduced.

The Bank believes that these developments are unlikely to act as constraints since income and capital gearing are low, companies have large holdings of liquid assets and they have little difficulty in raising funds through the capital markets.

Tokyo to meet US on exports

Tokyo (Reuters) — High-ranking officials from Japanese trading houses will meet visiting government officials from the United States to explain Japan's efforts to control illegal strategic exports. Mr Toshikuni Yahiro, vice-chairman of the Federation of Economic Organizations, Keidanren, said yesterday.

The meeting, later this month or early next, will discuss ways of preventing violations of export rules. "We would like to hear about examples of US compliance programmes, and we want to make, together with the US, evaluations of our tougher stance," Mr Yahiro said.

He hoped the efforts would help to deflect sanctions in pending US trade legislation.

He noted the Ministry of International Trade and Industry was considering lengthening the time documents on highly strategic products must be preserved from two years to five.

Japan's cabinet approved a draft Bill last month to stiffen penalties for illegal exports to Communist countries.

"Japanese firms and economic organizations are in full support of the draft bill,"

Tory pamphlet attacks Japan's trading policy

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Japan's "inherent tendency" to generate massive trade surpluses will lock the country into an international role that is bound to lead to conflict, according to a grass-roots Conservative pamphlet published today.

As a national goal, it says, Japan should work towards an eradication of its balance of payments surplus with the European Economic Community within five years.

The document, from the Conservative Political Centre — which is based at Conservative Central Office but does not claim to represent official party policy — says tariffs and other tough measures should be imposed on Japanese exports to Europe, unless the country opens its domestic markets and reduces its £14 billion trade surplus with the EEC.

"After 15 years of complaints, Japan's market still seems virtually impenetrable on any major scale. After 15 years of negotiations, Japan's exports to Europe and the wider world go from strength to strength on the back of an industrial and financial struc-

ture which shows little if any signs of changing."

The authors, Mr James Moorhouse, Euro-MP for London South and Surrey East, and Mr Anthony Teasdale, an EEC trade expert, accuse Japan of exporting too much in too many highly concentrated sectors, and importing too little.

The country only invests abroad when adverse circumstances require and then only in "screwdriver" operations rather than integrated production.

Patience is now running out, says the pamphlet. "Japan must respond in its own interest by proving its maturity and accepting the obligations which go with being an economic superpower."

If Japan is unwilling to wind down its massive bilateral surpluses, says the document, Europe should impose tariffs on Japanese high-technology goods, including a 19 per cent tariff on a range of consumer electronic and office products. Anti-dumping action should be significantly strengthened. The authors say too many

Japanese investments in Britain and the rest of the EEC "both destroy jobs and increase imports, and are then heralded as useful contributions to industrial co-operation and major steps to ease trade friction."

Local content levels — the proportion of a product sourced from the host nation — should be 70-90 per cent; competitive bidding through subsidies by different national governments to entice Japanese investments should be ended; and all subsidies to companies convicted of dumping should be banned.

The document calls for an important symbolic gesture by the Japanese to show they are willing to spend big amounts on imports. More Japanese airlines could buy the European Airbus, the country's forces could buy the Tornado combat aircraft, and European firms could be awarded big contracts for the new Kansai International Airport.

● *Righting the Balance: a new agenda for Euro-Japanese trade.* Conservative Political Centre, 32 Smith Square, London SW1P 3HH. £6.95.

Deutsche BP soars despite price fall

Hamburg (Reuters) — Deutsche BP, which is owned by British Petroleum, has reported that net profits rose to DM104 million (£35.1 million) last year, up from DM37 million. It is optimistic it will end 1987 also with positive results.

Herr Hellmuth Buddenberg, the managing board chairman, said the company's oil sector contributed DM340 million towards an overall

operating profit of DM540 million.

A year earlier, operating profit was DM280 million, with the oil sector's contribution at DM110 million. Oil sector figures are calculated on the basis of replacement costs.

Herr Buddenberg said turnover fell to DM6.2 billion from DM13.1 billion, largely because of the slump in oil prices.

He said last year's operating

profit was enough to offset write-offs to the value of oil stocks and was also enough to pay for restructuring measures. The board will suggest to the annual meeting that last year's balance sheet profit of DM136.5 million be paid into open reserves.

Improved performances by the refining and marketing operations contributed to the oil sector's sharply higher results, and sales volume rose

to 14.5 million tonnes from 14.2 million tonnes.

Herr Buddenberg said the two non-oil sectors — chemicals, and coal and gas — showed improved results over 1985, when both sectors contributed a combined DM140 million towards operating profit.

Deutsche BP's non-oil activities are expected to show good results again this year.

APPOINTMENTS

Sedgwick names directors

Sedgwick Group: Mr Rupert Hambro, Mr Franz Lutolf and Mr Pierre Moessa have been made non-executive directors.

Wardley Investment Services International: Mr John Ellis has become director of administration.

Grant Thornton: Mr Gary Downey has joined the partnership.

Byas Mosley Group: Mr Anthony Hamilton becomes deputy chairman and Mr John Elliott joins the board of the holding company.

Whitechapel Workstations: Mr Michael Davies has been named director, OEM sales and marketing.

Christian Salvesen: Mr Barry Sealey, the managing director, has also been made deputy chairman.

Antofagasta Holdings: Mr Charles Bailey joins the board.

Roche Products: Dr Peter Summerfield has become medical director.

Jigsaw Interiors: Miss Elaine Stimpson has been made sales director.

Airclaims Group: Mr Peter Crawford has joined the board.

WS Atkins & Partners: Mr Martin English has become a director.

Nynex Information Solutions Group Inc: Mr Brian Allison, managing director of BIS Group, has been promoted to the board. Mr Roger Graham succeeds him as chairman of BIS Group.

British Cement Association: Mr Kenneth Newman becomes director, marketing and technical standards, with Mr Henry Pinnock as director, administration and industry affairs.

Broken Hill Proprietary Company: Sir Arvi Parbo and Mr DW Rogers join the board.

Robert M Douglas Holdings: Dr RA Paine becomes a director and group chief executive.

Leslie & Godwin Marine: Mr Richard Hilliard becomes a director.

Winding-up petitions drop as new Act passes the test

By Roger Pearson

The beginning of the two-month summer vacation for the High Court marked the end of an important test period for reforms in company law which were introduced last December.

It has now become clear that the initial effect of these reforms has been to slow down considerably the stream of petitions to have companies wound up.

Last year the number of petitions issued weekly at the Companies Court in London — a limb of the High Court Chancery Division — was up to 400, but this year the figure has dropped to between 150 petitions and 200 petitions a week.

Last year's total of about 5,000 petitions is expected to be reduced dramatically, with estimates that the figure could be as low as 3,000 for the current year.

The tailing off of the number of winding-up petitions can be directly attributed to two main provisions built into the 1986 Insolvency Act, which came into force on December 29.

Rules which stipulate that those who petition for a company to be wound up must pay a deposit of £200 to the court to cover costs if there are insufficient funds in the company being wound up to meet the bill, have undoubtedly played the main role in stemming the flow of petitions.

Coupled with these deposit rules are provisions for the appointment of administrators as a last-ditch attempt to help ailing companies off the insolvency hook. These provisions have also played an important role in helping to reduce the number of winding-up companies.

Although no firm statistics are yet available, the drop in the number of petitions leaves no doubt that the Insolvency Act has had a significant impact on the Companies Court scene.

The deposit rules have bitten hardest at the lower end of the debt scale, where winding-up petitions involve debts of hundreds, rather than thousands of pounds.

As a court official commented: "If the debt involved is something around the £500 mark, the wisdom of risking loss of the £200 deposit in respect of such a sum is questionable."

"There is no doubt that many people have realized this and the result has been a drop in the number of petitions following the introduction of the deposit rules."

The provisions for administrators to be appointed in a final attempt to save companies from being wound up have seen a relatively slow build up in use.

In London it is reckoned that between 50 and 100 such orders have been made since the Insolvency Act became law.

However, court officials expect a steady increase in the use of administration orders and say that, while the impact of these provisions will certainly make itself felt statistically, it is going to be a slower process than the more immediate impact of the deposit rules.

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Canterbury tales of woe

If you think rents within the Square Mile are high, or complain every time you have to pay £7.50 to park your car in the multi-storey near your central London office, spare a thought for the poor shopkeepers in the cathedral city of Canterbury who are facing increases of up to 350 per cent. One of the city's biggest landlords, the Dean of Canterbury Cathedral, whose estate comprises 50 or so properties, has apparently decided to increase rents "in line with market rates". Tony Meire, of local estate agent Cluttons, managing agents to the estate, tells me: "It is perhaps sad that some of the smaller traders will be forced to leave or move to less expensive locations but it is a fact of life. Canterbury is the principal shopping centre in east Kent, the cathedral is a large tourist attraction and there is a lot of competition for shops there from national chains who can't get sites. Demand is insatiable but supply limited." Fishmonger Steven Johnson, who faces a 350 per cent increase, claims the increases are "short-sighted" and "will change the character of the city". The rent of the delicatessen in Sun Street is rising from £4,500 to £14,000 a year.

For the birds

Food for thought for the City's nouveau riche who are now usurping the landed gentry on the grouse-shooting moors. Referring to the last election, Robin Jenks, witty spokesman for right wing pressure group

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Sandwich board lunch

On the promise of just a good lunch, hungry Halleybury schoolboy Miles Brennan, aged 16, yesterday saved his father more than £26,000 in recruitment agency fees. Wearing a sandwich board he paraded up and down outside the Lime Street entrance to Lloyd's, handing out leaflets which invited aviation, marine and non-marine brokers to apply for a job with Britain's largest independent insurance broker Richards, Longstaff,

where his father Andrew is managing director. The firm has seven vacancies — which it estimates would have cost £26,400 to fill via a recruitment agency — and by midday Miles had prompted no less than 16 applications. The leaflets hinted that the money saved by this novel method of recruitment would be used to boost the salaries on offer. Perhaps young Miles should request a cut from his father too.

Aims Of Industry, claims that it is no coincidence that socialists do best in the natural habitat of the grouse — Wales, the North of England and

Scotland. "Engels, a keen sportsman, developed many of the ideas he passed on to Marx while waiting in a hut," he says. "He saw at once that the guns the capitalists, the beaters the bourgeoisie and the grouse of course were the proletariat. With the inevitable flow of the historical process it is only a matter of time before the beaters invade the butts and start shooting. As they will not be much good at it, they will soon be smothered by the grouse. The dictatorship of the proletariat will begin, with only some of the beaters kept on for heather burning duties. They are not called grouse for nothing."

● Every aspiring City millionaire should have one — a yammy. Translated, the term describes a young, upwardly mobile mistress.

Haville's travels

Bob Haville, the City's number one industrial holdings analyst who made his reputation by tracking the movements of Lord Hanson, Sir Owen Green of BTR and Sir Nigel Brookes of Trafalgar House, is leaving broker James Capel for an as yet unidentified American investment bank. Bearded Haville, aged 32, has been with Capel for more than five years and is understood to want to switch from research into mergers and acquisitions. "We tried very hard to accommodate his wanderlust, but we are not an investment bank," says Mike Ceeing, head of research. "Good people are very hard to find so we are disappointed to see him go, but we wish him well." Haville, who will leave later this year, will be replaced by his erstwhile underling Simon Hayes.

Deep end

Zetters, the quoted football pools business which is biving off its bingo side into a separately listed company, has numerous foreign customers. It therefore came as no surprise when it received a call from the Japanese Embassy in London asking if one of its representatives could call round on a business matter. An eager rep was duly despatched but returned glum-faced a few hours later. "They thought we built swimming pools and wanted me to give them a quote," he told his amused colleagues.

Carol Leonard



"The City is still a little jittery — since when have shares had a 'sell-by' date?"

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| England & Wales: Cattle at 3.0 p, av price, 97.50p (-0.54) | | | May | 105.70 | 105.75 | | |
| Sheep down 6.7 p, av price, 183.17 (-1.71) | | | May | 112.25 | 105.75 | | |
| Pig up 2.1 p, av price, 75.14 (+1.88) | | | Vol: Wheat | | 137 | | |
| Swedish: Cattle up 1.57 p, av price, 99.07p (-1.57) | | | Vol: Barley | | 137 | | |
| Sheep up 9.0 p, av price, 129.57 (+5.67) | | | May | 105.70 | 105.75 | | |
| Pig 18 p, av price, n/a | | | Vol: Wheat | | 137 | | |
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| Dec | 99.70 | 99.70 | Jan | 99.00 | 99.00 | | |
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ence not adverse

Before she had given any instructions the landlords' solicitors withdrew the warrant for possession. Mrs Buckler never expressly accepted or rejected the terms of the two letters. She remained in undisturbed possession of the flat.

The defendant's primary claim had been that there was adverse possession of the farmhouse and garden from, at latest February 2, 1955 when his

October 31, 1974.

It remained to consider the effect on Mrs. Buckler's possession of the letters of that date. Those unilaterally granted her licence to occupy the farmhouse and garden rent-free for the rest of her life.

It was said for the plaintiff that under the letters-a-Buckler became a licensee of the farmhouse and garden. Therefore she was longer in adverse possession a time ceased to run in her favor.

The claim that a unilateral licence could stop time running was a new one. It might be of some general importance in that it would enable a person who was not prepared to incur the obloquy of bringing proceedings

The 1962 county court proceedings were commenced and the possession order of December 11, 1962 was obtained well before there had, on any view, been 12 years' adverse possession.

If proceedings to recover land were begun before there had been 12 years' adverse possession, for example, if they were begun in the eleventh year, then the right of action was, on the wording of section 4(3) of the 1939 Act or section 15 of the

Limitation Act 1980, unaffected by the subsequent expiration of the 12-year period while the proceedings were pending.

If that was so, it could not be a correct reading of section 16 of the 1939 Act, to hold that the

In his Lordship's judgment, the true position under the 1939

Act was that after a judgment for possession had been obtained in an action for the recovery of land begun in due time, the successful plaintiff had 12 years from the date of the judgment to enforce the judgment before any

tion is not 'free'

Kingdom of the United States of America for force of this Act and their wives and children are not, by virtue of anything in the rules, any less free to come into and go from the United Kingdom than if this Act had not been passed."

Initially the rules continued

the favourable consideration for dependent sons which had existed under paragraph 40 of Cmdd 4298; however, paragraph 47 of HC 394, which had effect from March 1, 1980, was much less favourable to children

The judge accepted that section 1(5) obliged him to conduct a comparison of the new rule and the old rule and that, as the new rule rendered persons in the position of the applicants less

If, in drafting a new rule, the secretary of state did fail to comply with his statutory obligations the rule would be *ultra vires*, but that could not

Because they had never been free to do so.

However, the court were persuaded that that was not the relevant comparison. First, on the anti-discrimination

immigration officers no less unfavourable to persons in the position of the applicants than paragraph 47. So it was not the passing of the Act which was responsible for the rules becoming less favourable.

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It followed that the enforcement of the judgment for possession of December 11, 1962 was still open to the landlords on October 31, 1974 and their title to the farmhouse and garden was not extinguished.

It remained to consider the effect on Mrs. Buckler's possession of the letters of that date. Those unilaterally granted her a licence to occupy the farmhouse and garden rent-free for the rest of her life.

that under the letters Mrs Buckler became a licensee for life of the farmhouse and garden. Therefore she was no longer in adverse possession and time ceased to run in her favour.

The claim that a unilateral licence could stop time running was a new one. It might be of some general importance in that it would enable a person who was not prepared to incur the obloquy of bringing proceedings

The rule that possession was not adverse if it could be referred to a lawful title applied even if the person in possession did not know of the lawful title; the lawful title would still preclude the person with a paper title from evicting the person in possession.

So far as Mrs Buckler was concerned, even though she did not "accept" the terms of the letters, the plaintiffs, would, in the absence of any repudiation by her of the two letters, have been bound to treat her as in possession as licensee on the terms of the letters. They could not have evicted her, if they could have done so at all, without determining the licensee.

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There was no escape from the conclusion that from the time she received the letters Mrs. Buckler was in possession by the licence of the plaintiffs and her possession was no longer adverse within the meaning of section 10 of the 1939 Act.

Lord Justice Mustill and Sir Edward Eveleigh agreed.

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person's discretion, or (3) he had actually been given leave to enter.

exercise of their discretion by immigration officers, in accordance with instructions given by the secretary of state from time to time, could not be said to be "free to come into" the UK in any ordinary use of language.

After the passing of the 1971 Act persons in the position of the applicants were in essentially the same position. All they possessed was a right to have

their applications for leave to enter fairly and properly considered in accordance with the rules made by the secretary of state under section 3(2) of the 1971 Act.

Accordingly, paragraph 47 of HC 394 did not have the effect of rendering the applicants less free to come into the UK because they had never been free to do so.

Further, in the face of the last eight words of section 1(5), even if the applicants were to succeed in their attack on paragraph 47, they had to show a causal connection between the enactment of the 1971 Act and the diminution of their rights of entry. That they could not do.

Even before the passing of the 1971 Act the secretary of state could have given instructions to

immigration officers no less unfavourable to persons in the position of the applicants than paragraph 47. So it was not the passing of the Act which was responsible for the rules becoming less favourable.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

The essence of real human work is making decisions. This may not be immediately obvious for so-called routine tasks until one considers how much more efficient is a computer than a man or woman at a truly repetitive task such as adding up a column of figures.

Where lies the difference between the performance of a mechanical piano and that of a human artist? The answer of course lies in the myriads of decisions which the latter makes in his interpretation of the composer's intentions.

The pre-eminent importance of decision-making is most obvious in the work of a manager, especially a top manager. It is quite right, therefore, that so much emphasis shall be placed on decision-making in management training.

The quality of decisions can be much improved by systematic and qualitative treatment of data, and it is regrettable that so many managers are ignorant or scornful of such techniques (or both).

This article is not, however, concerned with such techniques, but rather with a human aspect, namely the extent to which a manager involves others, particularly his subordinates, in his decisions. ("His", of course, also means "her".)

Many decisions he will delegate

while, of course, retaining accountability. (Accountability for other people's decisions is the real test of the managerial role). Those he cannot, or does not wish to, delegate are his alone, but he does not have to take them in isolation.

Much has been written about the involvement of subordinates in decisions, its value in motivation and its strengthening of team spirit. This has been stimulated by, among other things, Japanese practices.

"Quality circles," which have now spread to this country, involve all those concerned in discussion and decision. More subtly, it appears normal practice for official decision-making to be pre-empted by an informal word-of-mouth consultation process, known as "nemawashi".

Sometimes it may be forgotten that involvement of subordinates is not just a matter of being nice to them. It is also an important, perhaps vital, source of information and expert advice. In these days there can be few managers who do not have subordinates of much greater expertise, in particular fields, than themselves.

I trained as a metallurgist, but included in my various teams, physicists, chemists, engineers, psychologists, accountants, statisticians, marketing experts and many other specialists, all knowing more than I about their own fields. The importance of the boss

Peter Forrester: Tips from below on leadership and decision-making

Listen to the staff: advice the boss should not ignore



Peter Forrester, Emeritus Professor of the Cranfield Institute of Technology, was the first director of the Cranfield School of Management. Since his retirement in 1982 he has been involved in research and consultancy

as a teacher is often, quite rightly, emphasized. Again, I have learned much from some of my bosses, but a lot more from subordinates. This is probably a very common experience.

So consultation and involvement have a lot going for them — as morale-builders, motivators and even more important, a vital source of information and expertise.

There is, of course, another side, one aspect of which is time, rarely on the side of the manager. Emerson remarked that the wisest man has something to learn from the greatest fool, to which George Bernard Shaw responded that the wisest man may not have time to

listen to fools. There is just not time to consult others, fools or not. If the place is on fire, you need a fire engine, not a Quality Circle.

Urgency may be operationally necessary. Equally it may be psychologically necessary. Beyond a certain point delay may be seen by subordinates as indecisiveness or weakness. A snap decision now may be more acceptable than a better decision delayed. Urgency may also be psychologically necessary to the manager.

There is often the world of difference between reaching a decision and taking and implementing it, especially if the consequences are unpleasant for oneself and others. To take the decision needs emotional energy

which can easily be sapped by listening too much to problems, difficulties and criticisms.

To listen to problems and criticism and still take a firm decision is a strength not given to all managers. I knew one top manager who had all the qualities except the ability to listen, a lack which proved his downfall.

So how do we avoid the Scylla of indecisiveness on the one hand and the Charybdis of pig-headedness on the other? Is the ability to do this an inborn characteristic which we ordinary mortals much simply admire from a distance, or can we actually improve our performance in this respect? There is some useful guidance in a model proposed some years ago by Vroom and Yetton.

They pointed out that there is a range of management styles possible, from a totally autocratic and immediate decision at one end, to ready acceptance of one's team majority decision at the other.

They go on to argue that the optimum style depends on specific factors in the situation, such as:

- Is the decision critically important?
- Does the manager have all the information he needs?
- If not, do his subordinates possess any more relevant information or expertise?
- Is acceptance by subordinates

critical to effective implementation?

● Can subordinates be trusted to advise objectively?

On the basis of these and other factors, Vroom and Yetton propose a detailed model for identifying the appropriate managerial style in a given situation. There is evidence that the model does appear to work.

Two researchers at Cranfield, Margerison and Glube, studied the styles in different situations of the owner-managers of 47 franchised retail outlets. The managers whose intuitive choice of styles conformed most closely to the model achieved both higher productivity and higher satisfaction among their subordinates.

Some managers have a personal leaning towards autocracy, others towards consultation, and both usually modify their style according to circumstances. But training themselves to study the situation more objectively and to adopt a style appropriate to that situation may well help to avoid, or at least limit, the twin dangers of indecisiveness and pig-headedness.

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A guide to
career developmentA garden is a lovesome thing
for a green-fingered graduate

Red poppies were flowering in the gardens of Birmingham Polytechnic — "reflected glory: they just appeared," said Chris Baines with a chuckle. He's an author and television personality and Britain's number one champion of wild flowers. Behind the public eye, Chris has just been given a personal accolade — the title of professor at the polytechnic, where he has taught on the post-graduate, part-time course in landscape architecture since 1974.

The profession is, at last, becoming mainstream, with students guaranteed significant career prospects. The most significant reason is obvious. We all want an environment for wildlife and human life: the concrete jungle is despised. The proof of public interest came on July 1 with the top prize in the BBC Design Awards being given in recognition of landscaping around Megget Reservoir in Scotland.

Forty thousand viewers responded to *Bluebells and Bumble Bees* — Chris's first television programme — which recorded the evolution of his back garden with pond, meadow, trees, and flowering borders into a wildlife oasis. "No one could say that environment was a minority interest any longer," he said.

On August 18, in the Purcell Room, South Bank, he is launching a personal tour with the Albion Band (who created the music for the BBC series *The Wild Side of Town*). That bandwagon will travel around the country in the autumn. Next year Chris will be filming European conservation, using an airship for an overview, gimmicky and effective. He is a believer in selling serious messages with humour.

He outlined his career while driving between his home (the garden is a feast) and the Poly: "I grew up on the fringes of Sheffield, playing down railway sidings and in the river valley." Despite failing basic English O-levels, he finally gained enough A-levels to get to Wye College, Kent (London University) to read horticulture.

Already with a spell in the Sheffield parks department to his credit — "we had to prepare wallflower plants for bedding in the ice before 8.30am" — he joined a firm of landscape contractors. The new graduate was allowed a spell in the United States. Practical experience in parks, nurseries and landscape contracting was matched by academic success: "I took the poly course, where I am now teaching. It is the only self-contained, part-time post-graduate course in landscape architecture with full professional recognition."

The combination of academe and labouring — the equivalent of being architect and builder — was unusual. Thus, Chris began to be in demand, both on the ground — for example, working on forestry projects in the Middle East — and as a lecturer. Television became a bonus; providing a platform for a

revival of fortunes for urban greenery (from parks to canal banks).

That, in turn, is breaking new ground for landscape architecture. These include organizations devoted to spawning environmentally-pleasing natural spaces, with sponsorship from commercial, industrial and local authority budgets. Urban wildlife groups have become big employers. One in Birmingham employs 94 staff, but inevitably most are on short-term MSC contracts.

Long-term careers are budding in local authority and private practice. Coal tips have to be landscaped: new industrial units cry out for natural settings; so do large developments, such as London's Docklands. Wastelands are neglected through cash-cutting, but the growth of leisure and tourism are persuading hard-headed councils to rethink spending on, for example, derelict quarries, nature reserves and city boundary forestation.

Inside the poly, decorative schemes for improved landscapes were on the walls. Tables bore plant and flower arrangements (one with wildflowers plucked from Kew Gardens, with permission). This was the final day of term for second

Derek Cassidy, the course director, says that the poly turns out "people who are technically competent — not just gardeners on the grand scale. They are aware of their professional responsibilities to clients, users and the landscape itself. Most important, they are accomplished designers. In the past that meant laying turf and planting a few standard trees."

Mr Cassidy, who "sees the profession rising out of a sea of mediocrity", believes he is an ideal counterpart to Chris. "His emphasis is on wildlife habitat; I'm in the business of habitats for man." Either way, the effect must be creating a memorable setting. He, and his staff are realists running their own, external practices.

The students number about two dozen per year (1987-1988 is fully booked). Some pay their own way; others are sponsored. Patrick McCulloch, aged 31 and at the end of his second year, is head gardener at Castle Ashby, a private stately home in Northamptonshire. He came here via a history degree at Edinburgh. "I had no illusions about a job in history. I was brought up on a farm and have always been keen on gardening."

He found gardening posts, first with Army officers, then with the National Trust and finally for the Duchess of Buccleuch.

Gill Wynne-Williams, aged 26, is employed by the London Residuary Body (which has funded her studies) and is on secondment to Tower Hamlets Council. She presented a park on the Isle of Dogs as her third year project.

Docklands Light Railway and development of the riverside will increase tourism. I've put in an expanded farm and sports facilities, a new cafe and ecological areas." Gill found the course, on top of a job, extremely hard work: "I never thought I could do with so little sleep." Her salary will rise above £11,000 with the diploma.

Barbara Smith, aged 26, who has a degree in Italian and French from Oxford, explained to the examiner that her scheme for "heartspace" in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, where she works for the local council, had imaginative elements based on using plants expressively. "I used shades of purple, plants like rosemary, and a statue with downcast expression for melancholy."

Perhaps such ideals will flourish at Glasgow Garden Festival, in the wake of Stoke-on-Trent and Liverpool, and before Gateshead's (1990). The festivals draw crowds, and slowly sell the concept that skills and imagination must be employed to create permanent, mainly urban landscapes. Professor Baines and the poly are in the forefront — making landscape architecture fashionable, professional and a career whose era has arrived.

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RACING: CASH IN STORE CAN CONTINUE HARWOOD'S SUCCESSFUL RUN

On The Staff set to redeem her reputation after unlucky defeat

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

Making excuses for beaten horses can be a short cut to penury, but I still feel that On The Staff (2.00) should be given another chance at Salisbury today following her unlucky run at Newbury last month.

She is napped to win the Upavon EBF Stakes, even though the opposition includes Belle Portrine, an unbeaten filly from Henry Cecil's powerful Newmarket stable.

The memory I have of that Newbury race is one of On The Staff finishing like a rocket in second place, three-quarters of a length behind Roman Gunner, who had stolen the first run.

To make matters worse, On The Staff was twice hampered when her jockey, Billy Newnes, was endeavouring to get a clear run and begin his challenge. By the time they saw daylight Roman Gunner had flown and On The Staff's late flourish was to no avail.

Neither Roman Gunner nor On The Staff have run since, but the form was boosted at Goodwood when Colchis, who was close behind in third, finished a creditable second to

Love. The Groom in the Gordon Stakes.

Belle Portrine has won at Doncaster and twice at Windsor. At no stage, though, has she had to contend with a filly of the class of On The Staff, who finished a close fourth behind Percy's Lass, Three Tails and Balabina in the Sir Charles Clere Memorial Stakes earlier in the season.

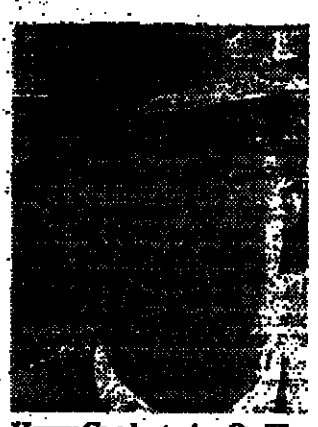
As Montecarlo finished behind her that day at a difference of only 3/4, it is hard to envisage her giving On The Staff 7/1 now.

Later in the day, Sonila is guaranteed a big following in the Ophobus Nursery as she attempts to win her fourth race in succession.

When she won a similar race at Goodwood a fortnight ago she beat Awaraz, who paid her a timely compliment by winning at Nottingham last Monday on her next start.

However, in this instance I am inclined to wonder whether even Sonila can beat the top-weight, Cash In Store, who carried 9st 7lb to victory in a nursery over seven furlongs at Lingfield last month.

Previously, the Guy Harwood-trained colt had made all the running to win over six



Henry Cecil's trainee On The Staff, Mandarin's nap

furlongs at Brighton, so he is not short of speed.

Of the eight two-year-olds contesting the Whitsbury Manor Stud And Britton House Stakes the best overall form is boasted by Plantation, who finished a commendable third behind Underwood and Golden Wave in the Lanson Champagne Stakes at Goodwood last time.

Before that he had won at Sandown and Haydock.

However, an interesting runner is Dastur, who was challenging the smart Marial Law at Ayr when he suddenly ducked violently to his left and unseated his jockey.

Alcazar's victory in the Violet Applin Challenge Cup last year was preceded by a win over 14 furlongs at Wolverhampton the week before, for which he was penalised 4lb, and once again John Spang's consistent stayer is penalized the same amount for winning the same race on the Midlands track.

With Willie Carson again in the saddle it could be a case of the proverbial lightning striking in the same place twice.

Romantic Prince, who has not run since he finished last in the Derby, is scheduled to reappear in the Amersbury EBF Stakes. That he is capable of better is borne out by his sound run behind Reference Point, Ascot Knight and Persilure in the Mecca-Dante Stakes at York in May.

However, he will need to be back to his best today if he is to deal with that useful filly, Montecarlo, who was a very comfortable winner at Carlisle three weeks ago.

The best bet at Catterick's evening fixture should be Paul Cole's Whomance raider, Tudor Romance.

Blinkered first time
SALISBURY: 4.30 Fabled Orator.
CATERICK: 7.20 Russian Secret.

Mountain Kingdoms is likely to take on the Derby winner Reference Point, in next month's St Leger at Doncaster following his three-length success in the Curzon Sporting Club Stakes at Salisbury yesterday.

The Exceiler colt, just over four months fourth at Epsom, comfortably justified 5-4 as favourite in the hands of Steve Canthen.

"It is good to get a win under his belt. He is just an honest horse who always runs his heart out," said the trainer, Clive Brittain. "I'll run him in a couple of conditions races to boost his confidence, and if all goes well, he'll have a crack at the Leger."

Prince Khalid Abdulla, who owns a trio of top-class juvenile colts in Digamels, Undercut and Warning, looks to have a smart filly in Nimble Feet. Ridden by Pat Eddery, she was an emphatic winner of the Horton Building Group Maiden Stakes.

"Nimble Feet still tends to run too free, and must learn to relax more. Horses are never any good unless they relax," said Jeremy Tree, the winning trainer. "We'll go for another small race to teach her more, and then take it from there."

Tree reported that Digamels, the winner of the Helix '57 Stakes in Ireland last Sunday, has returned home in excellent form. Plans for the colt will be decided in the near future.

Abdulla, who is currently at the Saratoga Sales in the United States.

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Selections

By Mandarin
2.00 ON THE STAFF (nap).
2.30 Talk of Glory.
3.00 Plantation.
3.30 Alcazar.
4.00 Montfort.
4.30 Cash In Store.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.00 BELLE PORTRINE (nap).
2.30 Plantation.
3.00 Fabled Orator.
3.30 Romantic Prince.
4.00 Good Medicine.

By Michael Seely
2.00 Belle Portrine. 3.00 BORDER GUARD (nap). 4.30 Sonila.
The Times Private Handicapper's top ratings: 2.00 ON THE STAFF.

Going: good

Draw: high numbers best up to 1m

2.0 UPAVON EBF STAKES (3-Y-O Fills: £2,032; 1m 2f) (8 runners)
1 (1) 1008 MONTICELLO 35 (B) (Lord Rotherwick) W Ham 8-5. S Thomas 80
2 (2) 13-0444 RICHMOND 35 (B) (Lord Rotherwick) W Ham 8-5. S Thomas 80
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FOOTBALL

Bracewell on mend again via US clinic

By Ian Ross

Paul Bracewell, Everton's England international, hopes to pick up the pieces of his injury-ravaged career before the turn of the year.

He missed last season through a long-standing, complex ankle injury which at one time threatened premature retirement. But a "make or break" operation in a San Francisco clinic last week is being hailed as a success.

Bracewell hurt his ankle against Newcastle United at St James' Park on New Year's Day, 1986 and although he briefly returned to Everton's first team he never regained full fitness.

A series of operations and subsequent set-backs followed until it was decided to fly him to the United States for one last operation.

"Paul has had a quite substantial piece of bone removed from his ankle and will now be encased in plaster for about six weeks. After that he will face another six weeks or so of very hard work but we are very confident that he will eventually make a complete recovery and that he could be back in action by Christmas," Colin Harvey, Everton manager, said.

Liverpool expect to face Atletico Madrid on Sunday, August 23 after the Football Association had refused to sanction the original date of August 23. The game had been cancelled earlier in the week amid fears of crowd trouble as their neighbours, Everton, were due in the Spanish capital 24 hours later to play Real Madrid.

Allen is told to behave

Clive Allen, the Tottenham Hotspur and England forward, was warned by the Football Association yesterday regarding his behaviour. The reprimand follows an incident at the end of last season when Allen was reported to have made a racist remark to a supporter at one of his former clubs, Queens Park Rangers.

Nine players have been banned since the move to Tottenham. Allen was one of the players who were banned for a record number of assaults on referees and fans last season.

Kevin Brock, the Oxford United midfielder, last night completed his move to Queens Park Rangers. The fee, likely to be settled by tribunals, with Oxford looking for around £250,000.

Manchester City are ready to release Peter Barnes, the former England winger, who returned to Maine Road from Manchester United seven months ago. City paid £15,000 to the club in January, but Barnes has failed to make an impression at the club where he started his career.

Vladimir Smirnov, the Czechoslovak midfielder, has joined Swansea City, of the Welsh division. He is believed to be the first Czechoslovak player allowed to leave the country for a trial abroad.

Joey Jones, the Welsh international defender, has signed for Wrexham for a third time after turning down a contract with Cardiff City. Jones is an all-time affair for both sets of supporters.

BOWLS

Dogged play sets up Aylesbury win

By Gordon Allan

Aylesbury Town won the Gateway EBA four championship at Worthing yesterday. In the final, Derek Patten, Colin Perrotti and Les Mack Richardson beat Mark Whittington, Gary Davidson, Tim Orr and Kelvin Barnard, of Temple (Surrey), 20-17.

Aylesbury were down 6-13 after 10 ends, but fought back to win the last four ends and began the last end leading 19-17. Barnard was eventually forced to kill it, and on the replay an inspired shot by Les Richardson set up a position that Temple were unable to change.

An all-Surrey final did not materialize. Temple beat Livesey Memorial Kent, 20-17, but Mid-Surrey lost, 20-18, to Aylesbury. So a Buckinghamshire rink contested the final for the second consecutive year, Stony Stratford having won the title in 1986.

Both semi-finals were close. For most of the time after the early sparring there was only a shot or two in it. Temple were 15-17 behind going into the last end but one - and that was when things went wrong for Livesey.

David Crocker, their skip, knowing he was two or three shots down, had no option but to fire with his last bowl. In doing so he took out his own nearest bowl, leaving Temple with five and Livesey with an insuperable task.

Playing the last end Aylesbury led 20-17. They held their fire, with positional bowls, thoughoutly distributed, which was lucky for them because Gary Little, the Mid-Surrey skip, played a brilliant last shot to move the jack out to the right to three of his own team's bowls. But Aylesbury had a bowl in the vicinity and Mid-Surrey scored only one.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: Temple (Surrey) 20-17, Aylesbury (Bucks) 20-18, Stony Stratford (Bucks) 20-17, Aylesbury (Bucks) 20-17.

ROWING: FORMER AMERICAN 'MUTINEER' PLANS NEW APPROACH TO OXFORD'S BOAT RACE BUILD-UP

Revolution on the tideway

By Jim Railton

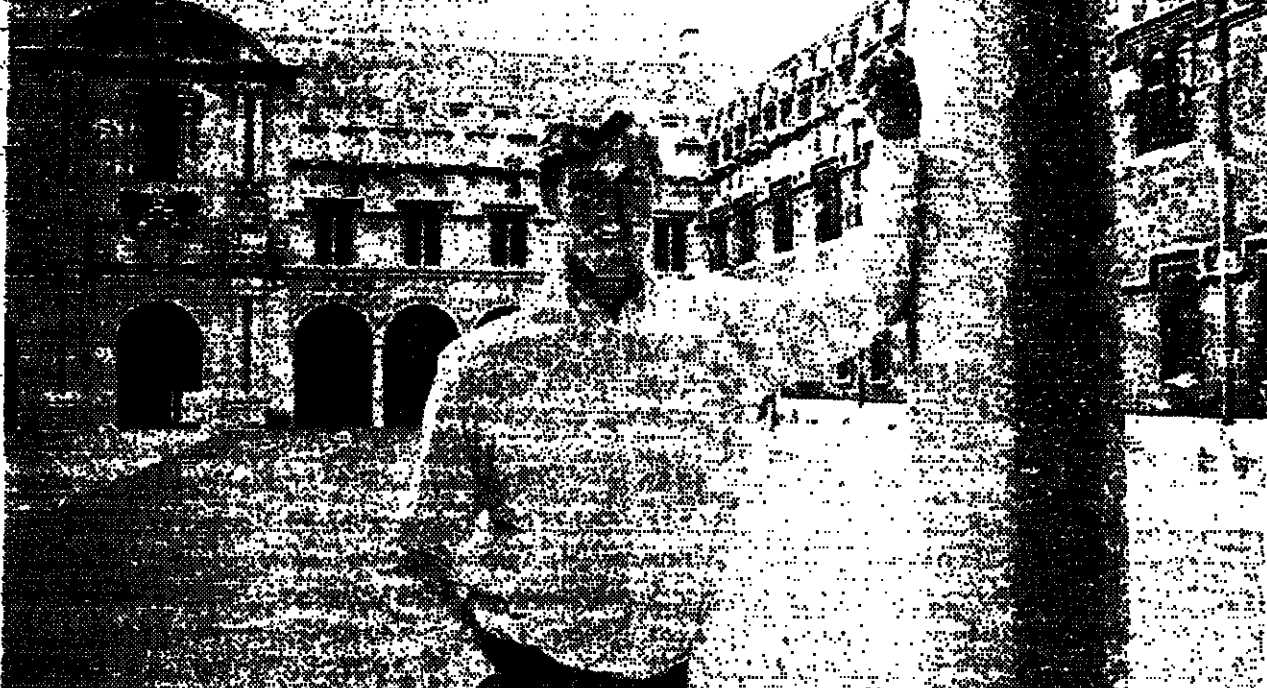
Chris Penny, one of the American "mutineers" who rocked the boat and then declined to row for Oxford in the Boat Race, is leading another revolution.

It must have come as a surprise to many when Penny was elected president of Oxford University Boat Club during the Trinity term. The talented Olympic silver medal winner was one of the five rowers who disagreed with the crew selection and other matters and opted out.

Yet against all odds Oxford went on to win the Boat Race without their American leaders. Despite this, the college captains and resident Blues at a Campaigns meeting placed their votes into a plastic bag and Penny emerged with a handsome majority as the new president.

One of the American rebels told me with a grin: "We lost the battle, but we won the war. Now the Americans will show Oxford that rowing is all about." That was sour grapes, indeed. Oxford's supporters may now be trembling and awaiting the Americanization of Oxford rowing.

Penny held an informal Press conference yesterday to announce his plans for a freshman's boat race, which he sees as a way of broadening the base of Oxford rowing. The scheme has been discussed with Cambridge University, Steve Royle (the newly appointed professional director of Oxford University Boat Club) and Tom Cadoux-Hudson (the runner-up in the presidential election and now



No cloistered view from St John's College: Penny sees new vistas opening up for Oxford (Photograph: Peter Trevnor)

captain of Oxford University Boat Club).

Penny, who is spending most of the vacation studying and preparing for the Boat Race, said yesterday: "I want to reach out and grab hold of the freshmen early and give them a target which is within their grasp and start them on a successful path."

"The undergraduate boat will include freshmen and novices in their second year, who perhaps have rowed Torpids and Summer eights. They will row as Cherwell and have several races, including hopefully their own boat race against Cambridge. They

should go on to Henley also."

Cadoux-Hudson thinks the freshmen's boat will enable young junior members of the University to learn how to organize themselves. "Rowers have to learn how to organize and fit in their studies with strenuous training at least six days a week, combined with an element of social life so necessary at the university."

"Freshmen trying for the Blue boat are often too young and unsuccessful. They have nothing to fall back on. The freshman crew will provide that and mature their rowing."

Penny admitted that the Cambridge president, Jim Garman, thinks it is a good

idea but not practical because of the need to find more coaches and money. But Penny says: "I intend to run the scheme at Oxford with or without a boat race against Cambridge."

It is an admirable proposal but not without its problems. Jonathan Searle, world junior gold medal winner in coxless fours last Sunday, comes up to Oxford in October. Searle and his ilk will not be really interested in a freshman boat but will have their sights on the Blue boat; the colleges might not react well to losing possibly more oarsmen from the Torpids; a good sponsor will certainly have to be found

for yet another boat race.

Penny takes all this in his stride. "If we do not find a sponsor, then we will have to tighten our belts. I know the value of a freshman crew from my experiences in Princeton. Even if you are an Olympic champion, in your first year at an American university you row in the freshman boat. It certainly helped me in my rowing career."

Rather than rocking the Oxford boat, Penny wants to be seen as a president with hands across the ocean and if his scheme succeeds many freshman could launch their rowing careers in freshman boats.

CRICKET

SA delegation's new tack

By Ivo Tennant

Each year a delegation from the South African Cricket Union travels to England at the time of the International Cricket Conference meeting. Delegates crisscrossed with the changes they believe have been wrought in cricket, and each year they return empty-handed. So this year they are trying a different approach.

The four-man party, headed by the President of SACU, accepts that, for the present, South Africa has no chance of re-establishing sporting links with the countries that matter. Frustrated by what the delegates perceive as unwillingness to recognize that sport has become multi-racial, the delegation has invited all representatives of the ICC select committees to the Republic; it is prepared to finance such a visit.

Tomorrow the select committee meets to debate whether anybody who has had sporting contacts with South Africa should be allowed to play international sport. Its findings will be considered at the 1988 ICC annual meeting. This could affect up to 70 county cricketers who play and coach in South Africa each winter. Barry Richards, the director of cricket in Natal, went to Leicester yesterday to ask Geoff Cook, chairman of the Cricketers' Association, how such a ban would affect his members.

"The CA may have a ban would affect county cricketers' livelihoods. It could also constitute restraint of trade. We think we assist in the development of many players from England and the support of the CA is heartening," Parnessky says. It is likely that in the event of a ban, financial support would be forthcoming from South Africa to enable cricketers to fight it.

The delegation is confident that its open invitation will be taken up by some ICC member countries.

The delegation has not arrived at the most propitious moment. Eddie Barlow has resigned as director of the South African Sports Office in London and returned home, taking the view that, like Denis Worrall, the former Ambassador, he can make more impact in South Africa.

Parnessky said the timing of his resignation was not significant. "We are intent on setting up sports offices in South Africa, we do not want the Ramsamy's of this world having the stage to themselves. Un-

fortunately for us the anti-apartheid organizations have bottomless pits of money."

Financial problems, which in part caused Barlow to resign, resulted from the cessation of international links and tours. The delegation is also lobbying cricket administrators here. Yesterday Parnessky was seeing J. J. Warr, the president-elect of MCC. And there is, inevitably, speculation that Richards is recruiting cricketers for a future tour. This he denies.

There is no tour of South Africa planned as yet for this winter, but there is a good chance that a party from New Zealand will go there following the season. The word is that another Australian side will be invited for 1989/90. Recruitment has already begun in Australia. The SACU will not want to let 100th anniversary of cricket in Transvaal pass without suitable celebration.

As to South Africa's domestic cricket, the miniature version of the game that has been set up in the black townships progresses apace. Twenty businessmen have agreed to raise R1 million (£333,333) for its development. The SACU recently bought 25,000 bats at a cut rate for distributing in the townships.

TENNIS

Men's council has law on its side

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

The most recent of the series of lawsuits that have bedevilled the 20-year history of open tennis has been ended. A United States court for the southern district of New York has dismissed a suit filed against the Men's Professional Tennis Council in 1985 by the Volvo North America Corporation (former sponsors of the grand prix circuit) and the new main management company, Mark McCormack's International Merchandising Corporation and Donald Dell's ProServ company.

Briefly, the suit alleged that the regulations of the MPTC, the governing body of the grand prix circuit, were an unfair attempt to control men's professional tennis as a whole, and to restrict the grand prize, and imposed unreasonable restraints on the players and on the business activities of independent entrepreneurs. The MPTC was accused of trying to monopolize the support.

In response, the MPTC filed a counter-claim alleging that the management companies were guilty of a conflict of interest in serving as player-agents while simultaneously exercising an unreasonable measure of control over many grand prize tournaments. The MPTC insists that the management companies should represent the players or the tournaments, not both.

The New York court, dismissing all claims, decided that the facts alleged by Volvo, IMG and ProServ were insufficient to prove their case. But Volvo were given an opportunity to "replead" certain claims relating to state laws.

What all this amounts to is that the authority of the MPTC over the grand prize circuit has been legally upheld. The extent to which this will inhibit the activities of the management companies - who have made many grand prize tournaments their main business - remains to be seen. One possibility is that ProServ and IMG may now give greater emphasis to their promotional activities outside the grand prize.

Winners converge

The winners of three of the four major tournaments of the 1987 golf season will complete in the Ebel European Masters Swiss Open at Crans-sur-Sierre, Switzerland, from September 3 to 6. Nick Faldo, the Open champion, Scott Simpson, the US Open champion, and Larry Mize, who captured the US Masters title, will play in the event.

LEADING FIRST-CLASS CRICKET AVERAGES

| Batting | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|----|----|---|------|-----|----|-------|----|---------|
| M | I | No | R | HS | 100 | 50 | Ave | SR | Wickets |
| R K Illingworth | 17 | 14 | 9 | 371 | 127 | 1 | 74.20 | | |
| R D Jones | 17 | 14 | 9 | 350 | 127 | 1 | 74.20 | | |
| M W Gatting | 13 | 19 | 2 | 1020 | 195 | 4 | 80.00 | | |
| P M Roebuck | 10 | 18 | 4 | 1034 | 185 | 2 | 58.57 | | |
| R J Hedges | 18 | 21 | 5 | 899 | 133 | 2 | 53.88 | | |
| R Roberts | 18 | 21 | 5 | 1341 | 181 | 3 | 63.86 | | |
| A S Smith | 18 | 21 | 5 | 1388 | 185 | 2 | 64.19 | | |
| S G Currie | 18 | 21 | 5 | 1123 | 138 | 4 | 51.43 | | |
| G Fowler | 18 | 21 | 5 | 1138 | 185 | 2 | 51.07 | | |
| N H Fairbrother | 18 | 21 | 5 | 1080 | 185 | 2 | 51.43 | | |
| R D Williams | 17 | 20 | 8 | 891 | 99 | 1 | 45.28 | | |
| G W Humphreys | 17 | 20 | 8 | 860 | 99 | 1 | 45.28 | | |
| C M Wells | 20 | 20 | 0 | 1056 | 217 | 3 | 47.21 | | |
| R B Hanson | 19 | 20 | 0 | 1359 | 122 | 4 | 46.86 | | |
| R Bailey | 18 | 20 | 7 | 987 | 102 | 2 | 48.00 | | |
| C G Greenwood | 11 | 16 | 0 | 725 | 183 | 2 | 45.31 | | |

Qualification: 300 runs, avg 45.31

FASTEST CENTURY: 73 balls, R D Williams, Middlesex v Sussex at Hove on May 28.

PAKISTAN TOUR AVERAGES

| Batting and fielding | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|----|----|---|------|-----|----|-------|----|---------|
| M | I | No | R | HS | 100 | 50 | Ave | SR | Wickets |
| Javed Miandad | 11 | 14 | 1 | 822 | 200 | 2 | 63.23 | | |
| Mohammad Asif | 13 | 16 | 3 | 1156 | 181 | 2 | 62.00 | | |
| Salam Khan | 12 | 15 | 2 | 801 | 102 | 1 | 53.43 | | |
| Muhammad Nazeem | 16 | 24 | 2 | 588 | 124 | 2 | 44.80 | | |
| Shoaib Mohammad | 16 | 24 | 2 | 727 | 121 | 1 | 44.80 | | |
| Salim Yousaf | 12 | 15 | 3 | 548 | 118 | 1 | 36.46 | | |
| Ramiz Raza | 11 | 15 | 0 | 347 | 91 | 1 | 34.70 | | |
| Imran Khan | 11 | 15 | 0 | 301 | 59 | 1 | 30.10 | | |
| Muhammad Shah | 12 | 16 | 4 | 285 | 58 | 1 | 28.50 | | |
| Zakir Khan | 14 | 12 | 2 | 102 | 74 | 2 | 20.40 | | |
| Muhammad Ali | 12 | 12 | 2 | 76 | 28 | 1 | 19.00 | | |
| Muhammad Khan | 10 | 12 | 2 | 70 | 24 | 1 | 17.50 | | |
| Muhammad Aslam | 4 | 5 | 0 | 11 | 5 | 1 | 2.20 | | |

Qualification: 300 runs, avg 45.31

FASTEST CENTURY: 73 balls, R D Williams, Middlesex v Sussex at Hove on May 28.

Bowling

Qualification: 20 wickets, avg 23.77

Best bowling: 8 for 55, N V Radford, Worcestershire v Kent at Taunton on July 2.

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GOLF: A RETAILER WHO HOPES TO ENTER THE BUSINESS OF WINNING

Annable stays on course

By a Special Correspondent

James Annable, the Staffordshire Open champion, placed a two-under-par 68 alongside his opening 71 and moved into the lead at the half-way stage of the Peugeot Talbot PGA assistants' championship yesterday at Coombe Hill.

The key to his consistency is that he has yet to visit the trees in 36 holes over the tight Coombe Hill course, which caused so many problems with lost balls on Tuesday and yesterday before the PGA to employ ball-spotters on every hole.

Annable, aged 25, scored four birdies, all from inside four feet, and holed puts of 18 feet to save par at the third and the 10th.

Wraith Grant, of Cuddington, who finished fourth in this event last year, scored two bogeys, a birdie and three pars in the first four holes on his way to a 67 and moved well into contention on 141. Simon Townsend, of Sand Moor, and Gary Collinson were also on 141, one shot ahead of Little, the overnight leader.

SECOND ROUND LEADING SCORES: 139: J Annable (Walsall), 71, 68, 141; C Collinson (Widnall), 71, 70, 141; S Townsend (Cuddington), 74, 67, 141; S Little (Mansfield), 67, 75, 142; W Stevens (Widnall), 71, 72, 143; S Smith (Cuddington), 74, 68, 142; A Dodman (St Paul), 72, 72; F Francis (Preston), 73, 71; R Taylor (Barnesley), 71, 73.

ALL-AFRICAN GAMES

ATHLETICS: 100m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 11.20; 200m: 2. M. Mokoena (Zimbabwe), 24.34; 400m: 3. J. Mokoena (Zimbabwe), 1:01.00; 800m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 2:01.00; 1500m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 4:30.00; 2000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 7:30.00; 3000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 11:30.00; 4000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 15:30.00; 5000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 20:30.00; 6000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 25:30.00; 7000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 30:30.00; 8000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 35:30.00; 9000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 40:30.00; 10000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 45:30.00; 11000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 50:30.00; 12000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 55:30.00; 13000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 60:30.00; 14000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 65:30.00; 15000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 70:30.00; 16000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 75:30.00; 17000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 80:30.00; 18000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 85:30.00; 19000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 90:30.00; 20000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 95:30.00; 21000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 100:30.00; 22000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 105:30.00; 23000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 110:30.00; 24000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 115:30.00; 25000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 120:30.00; 26000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 125:30.00; 27000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 130:30.00; 28000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 135:30.00; 29000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 140:30.00; 30000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 145:30.00; 31000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 150:30.00; 32000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 155:30.00; 33000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 160:30.00; 34000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 165:30.00; 35000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 170:30.00; 36000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 175:30.00; 37000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 180:30.00; 38000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 185:30.00; 39000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 190:30.00; 40000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 195:30.00; 41000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 200:30.00; 42000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 205:30.00; 43000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 210:30.00; 44000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 215:30.00; 45000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 220:30.00; 46000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 225:30.00; 47000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 230:30.00; 48000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 235:30.00; 49000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 240:30.00; 50000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 245:30.00; 51000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 250:30.00; 52000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 255:30.00; 53000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 260:30.00; 54000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 265:30.00; 55000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 270:30.00; 56000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 275:30.00; 57000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 280:30.00; 58000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 285:30.00; 59000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 290:30.00; 60000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 295:30.00; 61000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 300:30.00; 62000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 305:30.00; 63000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 310:30.00; 64000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 315:30.00; 65000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 320:30.00; 66000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 325:30.00; 67000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 330:30.00; 68000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 335:30.00; 69000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 340:30.00; 70000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 345:30.00; 71000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 350:30.00; 72000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 355:30.00; 73000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 360:30.00; 74000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 365:30.00; 75000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 370:30.00; 76000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 375:30.00; 77000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 380:30.00; 78000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 385:30.00; 79000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 390:30.00; 80000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 395:30.00; 81000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 400:30.00; 82000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 405:30.00; 83000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 410:30.00; 84000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 415:30.00; 85000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 420:30.00; 86000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 425:30.00; 87000m: 1. S. Nkomo (Zimbabwe), 430:3

Code of conduct may be a cure

By Alan Lee

The long-running saga of complaints directed at the umpire, David Constant, by the Pakistan manager, Hasib Ahsan, seems certain to result in official proposals from England aimed at curbing such inflammatory comments.

There is an undeniable sense of dismay in high places over the concerted and misguided attacks on Constant by the Test and County Cricket Board believes the matter is still too sensitive for any progressive discussion to take place.

However, Peter Lush, the Board's spokesman, last night hinted at a likely line of action when he said: "Perhaps all the countries should get together

Doctor's orders

England are considering taking a specialist doctor on tour with them for the first time when they go to India and Pakistan for the World Cup in October, to be followed by a Test series against Pakistan. Peter Lush, the tour manager, wants an expert in tropical diseases to accompany the team, as well as a physiotherapist to look after injuries.

to draw up a code of conduct for players and managers when it comes to commenting on issues of the game. It might solve some of the problems we have had this summer."

The key, of course, is the inclusion in Lush's theory of managers, who have to date been free of any contractual restrictions on speaking their mind. Lush himself is to manage England's touring party this winter but he is unimpressed by the suggestion that Pakistan may react to their stormy relationship with Constant with an intransigent stance on their own umpiring appointments.

"If there are proper grounds to make an objection, and it is done in the right way, I am sure we will be given a fair hearing," he said.

Capel gives Northants a chance

By Alan Lee

LEICESTER (Leicestershire won toss; Leicestershire, with eight wickets in hand, need 215 from 51 overs to beat Northants).

In an absorbing final hour at Grace Road yesterday, David Capel produced the type of thrilling, all-round cricket of which the young Ian Botham would have been justly proud.

With 10 overs of Northamptonshire's innings remaining, and the tie certain to be carried over, the umpires offered the batsmen a chance to come off for bad light. The score read 181 for two and Allan Lamb, reasoning that a third weather interruption would do nothing but harm, opted to stay on.

Pick too hostile for patched-up Gloucestershire

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

BRISTOL: Nottinghamshire beat Gloucestershire by 143 runs.

Gloucestershire's best crowd for some years — of the 8,000 tickets available, only a dozen or so were unsold — suffered the disappointment of seeing their side bowled out by Nottinghamshire for 82 in yesterday's semi-final of the NatWest Trophy.

Needing 226 to win, Gloucestershire were picked off by Andrew Pick, who took the wickets of Stovold, Wright and Alleyne before Gloucestershire knew what was happening, and finished with five for 22.

Having steeled themselves to withstand the brilliant fury of Hadlee, it was the strong, brawny, thick-skinned Pick who surprised them with his pace and genuine hostility. Off the first three balls Athey received, all from Pick, he survived confident appeals for leg before — and that was besides the wickets that Pick took.

It was a splendid, class piece of bowling, well worth the man-of-the-match award with which it was duly rewarded. Pick is 23, and Mike Hendrick, in his days with Nottinghamshire, always spoke highly of him.

For Notts, Broad and Robinson battled so comfortably through the first ten overs of the morning that one who was back to long leg. For the tens of thousands of balls that Charlie Parker and Sam Cooke, two other slow orthodox left-armers, must have bowled on the ground, I doubt whether they ever had a field like this. But that was another world, another game.

Graveney does the job he sets himself effectively by bowling very slowly at the batsman's middle and leg. Yesterday he also ran out Johnson when, as the bowler, he deflected a straight drive from Birch into the stumps.

But it was all to no avail.

Alleyne, aged 19, revealed a throw that must be as fast as anyone's anywhere, and with a direct hit from short wide mid-off, with only one stump to aim at, Athey ran out Hadlee, who had called for a short single.

Russell, too, gave a wonderfully dead exhibition behind the wicket, the speed with which he executed an attempt at a leg-side stumping off Bainbridge almost deceiving the eye.

When Rice was caught at the wicket off the last ball before lunch, Nottinghamshire were 125 for three in the 35th over, with Broad still there. In what had developed

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into a useful opening spell, Sainsbury had caused Robinson to play on.

In fact, after Broad had pulled Graveney to deep square leg in the 39th over and Athey had run out Hadlee, just when he was set to strike, Nottinghamshire proceeded only falteringly — anyway until Hemmings made 17 of the 18 runs that came from the last over, bowled by Bainbridge.

Graveney bowled to right-handers and left-handers alike with a deep square leg and a deep long leg, and to Broad with another man half way back to long leg. For the tens of thousands of balls that Charlie Parker and Sam Cooke, two other slow orthodox left-armers, must have bowled on the ground, I doubt whether they ever had a field like this. But that was another world, another game.

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Within an hour of Stovold making the last uninhibited boundary save in Nottinghamshire's innings, the match was as good as over. On a reasonable, though not easy, pitch, Gloucestershire gave themselves perhaps an even chance of making the runs they needed. But after 15 overs they were 33 for six.

Pick first knocked back Wright's off stump; he then yorked Alleyne and had Stovold caught at shortish mid-wicket off a good hit. Hadlee had found a brute of a ball for Athey; Broad held a good chest-high catch at first slip to get rid of Curran; Lloyds lifted Saxelby to long leg, and although Russell and Bainbridge doubled the score for the seventh wicket, the match had finished by 5.30.

It was a warm, breezy and beautifully bright evening; Nottinghamshire will make hard, versatile and formidably keen opponents in next month's final.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
B C Broad c Wright b Graveney 56
P T Robinson b Sainsbury 27
M Hemmings c Lloyds b Curran 27
C D B Rice b Broad b Graveney 26
P Johnson run out 26
R J Hadlee run out 19
J D Birch c Russell b Walsh 18
J N French c and b Bainbridge 2
E E Hemmings not out 18
R A Pick not out 24
Extras (b 9 w 13 nb 2) 24
Total (8 wickets, 60 overs) 225
K Saxelby did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-48, 2-65, 3-125, 4-141, 5-170, 6-180, 7-184, 8-195.
BOWLING: Walsh 12-2-29, 1-1; Curran 2-1-27; Bainbridge 11-1-55; Alleyne 4-0-19-4.

GLoucestershire
A W Stovold c Newell b Pick 14
A J Wright b Pick 14
C D B Rice c Lloyds b Hadlee 4
M W Alleyne b Pick 4
N J Lloyds c Johnson b Saxelby 4
P T Robinson c Hemmings 14
P Johnson c Broad b Graveney 14
C A Walsh b Pick 4
D A Graveney not out 6
G J Sainsbury not out 6
Extras (b 3, w 1, nb 2) 6
Total (8 wickets, 60 overs) 82
K Saxelby did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-116, 2-120, 3-181, 4-183, 5-183, 6-183, 7-184, 8-184, 9-184, 10-184, 11-184, 12-184.
BOWLING: Hadlee 6-1-15-1; Pick 8-1-2-2; Rice 12-1-42-1; DeFreitas 12-4-31-1; Lewis 11-4-42-1.
GLoucestershire
N E Briers c Peiper b Capel 11
P P Sainsbury c G Cook b Capel 6
P Peiper not out 12
D J Willet not out 12
Extras (b 2, w 1, nb 1) 4
Total (2 wickets, 9 overs) 82
J J Whisker, P B Cook, P A J DeFreitas, P Whisker, C C Lewis, J P Agnew and G J Lewis.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-23.
Umpires: B J Meyer and K J Lyons.



Pick of the bunch: the Nottinghamshire bowlers celebrating at Bristol yesterday

N Zealanders survive late British challenge to win

By Barry Pickthall

New Zealand, riding the crest of a wave in offshore and ocean racing after winning last year's Kenwood Cup in Hawaii and the 12-metre world championship in July, added the Admiral's Cup yesterday.

Their three-boat team of Kiwi (Peter Walker) Goldcorp (Rick Dodson/Mal Canning) and Propaganda (Bevan Wolke) fought off a late challenge from the British in the closing stages of the 605-mile Fastnet classic to win this international five-race series 84 points ahead of the home team.

The British had started out from Cowes on this final day around the Fastnet Rock off Southern Ireland and back to Plymouth with an unenviable 109-point deficit.

It was a fine effort by this

British crew and, followed up by the third-placed Jamarilla (Alan Gray), the three-boat team might just have pulled it off had Graham Walker's Indulgence, the star boat in Britain's line-up before this series, not slumped disastrously on her way to the Rock and finished 25th.

Alan Gray, who has two years' experience of footing the bill for an offshore campaign, suggested yesterday that full sponsorship of the yachts (costing £250,000 each) was necessary to provide the extra edge required to win at this level of the sport.

Ironically, while Walker, Britain's team captain, his fellow owner, Mike Peacock, and their crews wore their team uniforms, supplied by stockbrokers James Capel at yesterday's Press conference, Gray and his principal crewmen, Rodney Pattinson and Lawrie Smith, did not.

"All Graham and I got out of this were our shirts," Peacock complained, forgetting the £65,000 support provided

by their sponsor in the form of a professional team coach, video and computer analysis systems, observations not lost on the audience of potential sponsors.

The suggestion by the British skippers that New Zealand's success had been achieved through sponsorship was roundly denied by team captain Don Brooke, who said that apart from shipping costs, the New Zealand team had received less outside support than Britain. "It's not sponsorship but dedication — plus the backing of three million New Zealanders and 60 million sheep."

RESULTS: 1. Irish Independent Fast (Ire), 33m 33m 43sec; 2. Jamarilla (UK), 32m 32sec; 3. Jamarilla (UK), 32m 32sec; 4. Propaganda (NZ), 32m 32sec; 5. Jamarilla (UK), 32m 32sec; 6. Swan (UK), 32m 32sec; 7. Jamarilla (UK), 32m 32sec; 8. Jamarilla (UK), 32m 32sec; 9. Jamarilla (UK), 32m 32sec; 10. Jamarilla (UK), 32m 32sec; 11. Jamarilla (UK), 32m 32sec; 12. Jamarilla (UK), 32m 32sec; 13. Jamarilla (UK), 32m 32sec; 14. Jamarilla (UK), 32m 32sec; 15. Jamarilla (UK), 32m 32sec; 16. Jamarilla (UK), 32m 32sec; 17. Jamarilla (UK), 32m 32sec; 18. Jamarilla (UK), 32m 32sec; 19. Jamarilla (UK), 32m 32sec; 20. Jamarilla (UK), 32m 32sec; 21. Jamarilla (UK), 32m 32sec; 22. Jamarilla (UK), 32m 32sec; 23. Jamarilla (UK), 32m 32sec; 24. Jamarilla (UK), 32m 32sec; 25. Jamarilla (UK), 32m 32sec; 26. Jamarilla (UK), 32m 32sec; 27. Jamarilla (UK), 32m 32sec; 28. Jamarilla (UK), 32m 32sec; 29. Jamarilla (UK), 32m 32sec; 30. Jamarilla (UK), 32m 32sec; 31. Jamarilla (UK), 32m 32sec; 32. 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